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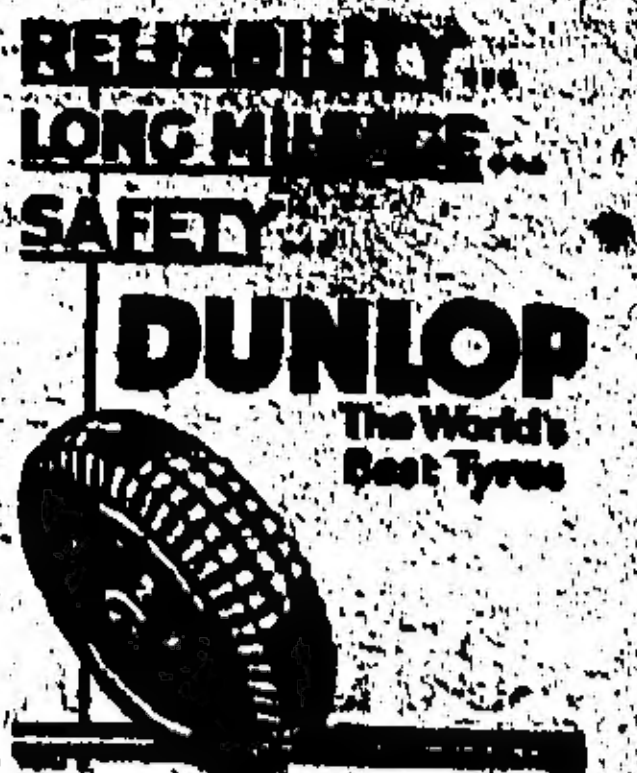
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Abolition Of Grand Juries And
Shortening Of Long Vacation

REDRAFTING RULES OF PROCEDURE

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 14.—Far-reaching reforms in our judicial system are proposed in the interim report of the Committee of Judges appointed in December under the chairmanship of Lord Hanworth, Master of the Rolls, to consider the state of business in the Supreme Court.

Among the principal recommendations are:

Shortening of the Long Vacation from ten to eight weeks, commencing on Aug. 1 and ending on Sept. 30.

Abolition of grand juries (except the Middlesex Grand Jury) at Assizes and Quarter Sessions.

Saturday sittings in the Supreme Court should not be resumed.

The length of daily sittings, now normally five hours, should not be extended.

The New Procedure for securing speedier trial should be extended to a larger number of cases.

It should be left solely to the judge to decide whether a civil case should be tried before a jury or without a jury.

Typewritten may be substituted for printed pleadings.

Appointment of a committee to redraft and simplify rules of practice and procedure, which now fill a volume of 3,000 pages.

Facilities should be given for commencing certain Crown cases in county courts.

Some of these recommendations will require legislation, but most may be enforced by rules of Court and Orders in Council.

Further Reports.

One or two other reports will probably appear before the final is reached, as collectively their contents promise to compare in importance with those of the Commission which sixty years ago laid the foundations of the Judicature Acts.

In their comments the Committee say that the question of the vacation and sittings have been considered from the point of view of the public, as well as of the Bar and the Bench, and more especially of solicitors. Under modern conditions it would be "a great burden on jurors and witnesses to attend the courts on Saturdays." They add:

"The existence of Saturday as a free day for the Bench lessens some of the argument against the curtailment of the Long Vacation. When judges sit on five days a week the need for a long rest from what the 1913 Commission call a very fatiguing form of mental activity is lessened to some extent, and upon consideration of all these factors we have reached the conclusion that eight weeks' holiday in the summer, together with the other vacations, is sufficient."

Time and Money Wasted.

With regard to grand juries, the number of persons summoned in 1921 was 29,073. The Committee point out that their services have practically become unnecessary owing to the development of our present system of administration of criminal law, and comment:

"We have not failed to appreciate that an accused person may rightly value the rejection of a bill of indictment against him without having to stand a trial. Yet we have to balance these advantages against the cost both in time and money, and the burden of service involved by their retention. We have come to the unanimous

opinion, as did the Commission in 1913, that they ought to be abolished both at Assizes and Quarter Sessions" (subject to the imposition of certain safeguards suggested).

They advise the retention of the Middlesex Grand Jury because it stands on a different footing, is rarely summoned, and because any alteration would involve the amendment of a number of sections of various statutes.

The other recommendations made deal mainly with technical matters of practice and procedure, but are all directed to the saving of time and expense. They are in broad effect:

That a summons for directions should not be taken out before pleadings in cases of any kind.

That the times for delivering a statement of claim and defence should be shortened respectively to twenty-one and eight days.

That the power now existing on the hearing of a summons to control the cost of proving what should be admitted should be exercised also at the trial.

That questions as to the interpretation of a document, such as

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY

FAIR

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT, FORECAST AND REMARKS, ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 5.15 P.M. STATED:—

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a contract, which is now determinable or an originating summons, should also include questions involving this construction of a statute.

Crow Proceedings.

No recommendation is made on the subject of appeals. The Committee draw attention to the present rule that "in matters of practice and procedure every appeal from a judge shall be to the Court to Appeal," and make this comment:

"We agreed that there ought to be no appeal from the judge, save in exceptional cases. A majority of us took the view that the matter should be left as it is at present, no appeal without the leave of the judge or of the Court of Appeal."

With respect to Crown Proceedings, the Committee, recognising that the procedure for the collection of debts due to the Crown, particularly in Revenue cases, as well as the rights of the subject against the Crown should be direct, speedy and effective, do not advise the abolition of the "English Information," but suggest an available alternative in suitable cases by way of writ of summons.

RETURN OF SIR M. CAMPBELL

SPEED BOAT ESCORT

(Special Air-Mail Service)

Southampton, March 14.—A shrill cheer from a small boy was the first greeting which reached Sir Malcolm Campbell on his return home to-day after setting up a new land record at Daytona Beach with a speed of 272.108 m.p.h. in his car Bluebird.

The cheer came from his son Donald, who sat with Lady Campbell in the first of a fleet of fifteen speed-boats which met the Cunard liner Aquitania, in which Sir Malcolm was a passenger.

The boat was piloted by Mr. Hubert Scott Paine, who has challenged America for the British international motor-boat trophy. The speed-boats dashed round and round the great liner as she steamed slowly up Southampton Water.

On her arrival at the docks the Mayor of Southampton and other representatives of the municipality went aboard to give Sir Malcolm a civic welcome. He was also greeted by representatives of the Royal Automobile Club, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, and the Automobile Association.

Sir Malcolm, in an interview, said he was disappointed that the new record was not higher. Beach conditions, however were against him.

"I think I can truly say that I have never had a harder job in my life than was entailed by holding her in check," was travelling at 134 yards a second on a course only forty yards wide, and according to spectators, who were terrified lest I should crash at any moment, I was careering from side to side, shaving guide posts on one side and then in a flash being in danger of crashing into the sand dunes on the other.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

(March 31).

(III Moon 6th Day).

Lamart's Sale of Curios, Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Governor of Macao due, 11 a.m.

Dinner Party and Reception, Government House, in honour of Macao's Governor.

Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, Sanitary Board, 5.30 p.m.

Old Haileyburian Dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Lenten Mission for Women on "Miracles," Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Theatres.

Central: "Steady Company."

Queen's: "Fast Life."

King's: "Society Girl."

World: "Emma."

Oriental: "Gaiety Fair."

Star: "Chance of a Night Time."

Majestic: "The most Dangerous game."

Dances.

Ten Dances at Gloucester Building; King's Restaurant; and Hong Kong Hotel.

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel; King's Restaurant; Peninsula Hotel; and Gloucester Building.

Sports.

Hockey: Friendly match: Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. Radio Sports Club (Caroline Hill), 5.15 p.m.

Weight-Lifting: Entries close for Annual Competitions.

Principal Mails.

Outward from Canada by Emp. of Russia; from America by Pres. Pierce; from Europe via Negapatnam by Katori Maru.

Outward for Europe via Matseles by Terukuni Maru, 1.30 p.m.; for America and Europe via Siberia by Pres. Taft, 5 p.m.

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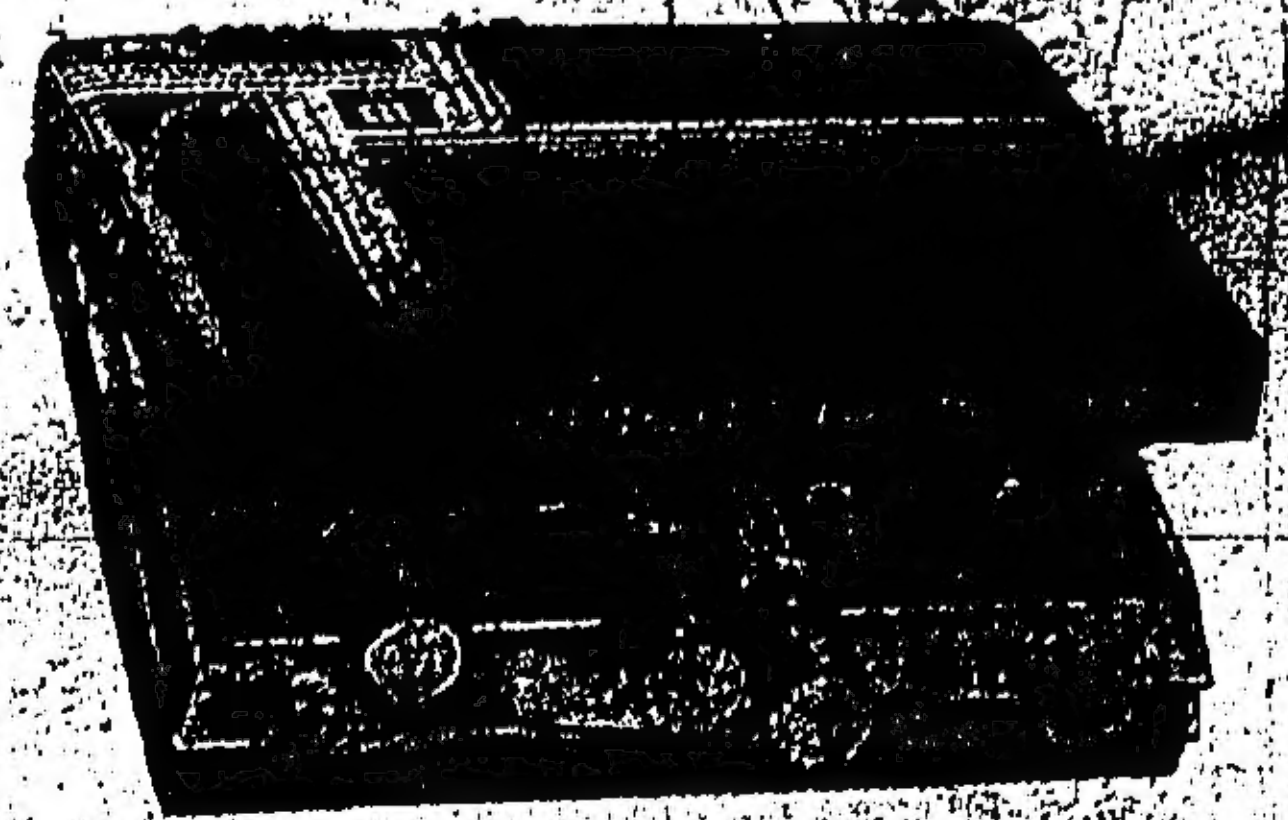
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Choosing The Right Colours

One does not as a general rule consider a colour as being costly or economical. Neither is it in itself.

But just about now, when most women are toying with the idea of what they must, will, would, or should have for their spring wardrobe, the question of colour can make a very great deal of difference to the cost of the new clothes as well as to their success.

If one could start from the beginning and discard every possession that did not fit into the new scheme, this question of cost would not arise at all.

Such ruthlessness, however, is not permitted to very many people at the moment. In most cases the choice of one or several successful spring outfits must be more or less influenced by what is already in hand.

Suppose you begin by deciding that a new evening dress is the first essential. Will the colour you have in mind go with your existing even-

ing wrap? Or, if a new one is to be added at the same time as the dress, is it likely that these will lend themselves kindly to future acquisitions? And what about shoes and bags?

Suppose it is a day dress—one of those invaluable frocks you can put on first thing in the morning—look well in at lunch—do a deal, or sip tea or a cocktail in the afternoon, and need to change out of only just before dinner. Will it be congenial to your coat on cold days for the next few weeks—must you get a new hat on purpose, and what about shoes?

Successful Colour Ensembles.

Perhaps you think the time has come for an afternoon dress, although you have quite reasonably done without one of these for some time. Is it to be very definitely of the afternoon, or will you find it invaluable on informal evening occasions?

If you want it to fill such dual rôles, have you remembered the way in which some colours are affected by artificial light, and the fact that whereas you may love it and yourself in it now, daylight saving regulations may alter your sensations considerably later on?

This last precaution is one of the most important. This is not a period in which one colour for coat, hat and dress is by any means essential. Indeed, the most successful ensembles usually consist of at least two colours and sometimes more; but their contrast must be clever, and the balance must not be upset by shoes and other accessories. Certain colours, on the other hand, are particularly susceptible to the difference between daylight and artificial light.

All shades of purple, from the palest lavender to the deepest violet, come into this category; so do a fair number of blues especially those verging on violet; and a few reds.

COLLAR AND WAIST COME DOWN

A LONDON FASHION FORECAST

More variety is expressed in colours and textures than in actual line. The usual controversy has begun in London on lengths and position of the waist.

Here in some ways fashion becomes occasionally freakish and changeable, for in the early collections many modes will be tried out, but it is only the foolish woman who becomes a victim, and seizes on a mode, merely because it is novel.

Let it be remembered always that what may be charming on a slim mannequin whose frock is specially designed for her may look wrong on a figure of different type.

Fashion at the start of a new season would be a dull affair if it did not spring surprises on us. These all add to the interest in dress, and make for the encouragement of industry.

Waistline of Choices.

The sensible woman will adopt her own line and in accordance with the model chosen. The same applies to skirt-lengths, but the general impression is that the tailored and all skirts for sport are a trifle shorter.

Afternoon and evening frock lengths do not vary much, except the grande toilette, which touches the ground, and can have a small, slim train. I should say evening skirts were less full. The slim way is again the favoured one. A few frocks are dragged up or gathered in the front, somewhat after the old polonaise way of the late 'eighties; others show drapery caught up on each hip. Yet another Victorian mode is a tiny filled basque which can be quite becoming.

Small designs and corrugated surfaces strike the note of novelty in textures. Pebble effects, so good in tweeds, have extended to cotton and silk; crêpes ribbed and grooved will be favoured, and many printed chiffons. Startling designs are absent, although there are some vivid colours, in addition to the pastel tints.

THIS YEAR'S VOILES ARE PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE, YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE NEW SHIPMENT WHICH ARRIVED RECENTLY AT WHITEWAYS.

Early beach modes show much violet, marine blue, flamingo, prawn-pink, orange and Venetian red. In beach clothes, as in evening dresses, interest is often centred in the back, which forms a sort of lattice-work of brilliant lines in flannel, stockinette, or for night time, delicate traces of flowers and diamanté embroidery.

Neck-lines are usually soft and becoming. The cowl-like drapery is here again, also the sharp V opening.

Modest Effects.

Certain Modest effects are sure to be in the picture, owing to the Elizabethan feeling, in gorgeous fabrics. One may look for the square neck-line, with modified high collar at the back.

ROUND THE TOWN

SEEN THIS WEEK IN LOCAL SHOPS

trast. A hat of the same green crêpe completes the outfit.

Among the voile frocks I liked best a green one with that I call a "wall paper pattern," which had a prettily art white yoke, and a frock and coatee of voile patterned with flowers in pastel shades of yellow, pink and blue. Very nice for a hot wet day would be a greyish voile patterned with dull red, which has a white yest.

Gordon's in view of the colder weather we have been having are showing walking shoes in their windows, and how smart they are! The narrower cut and longer vamp in combination with the really beautiful tones of brown kid make one feel that here are the perfect shoes for wear with almost any frock. But lest we forget that warmer days are coming, I was shown too some delightful walking shoes trimmed with large insets of minked kid. Brown and white and black and white find favour for this style of shoe, and I can think of no better accompaniment for a spring frock on a day when threatening rain would make linen shoes or sandals rather out of place.

I wonder if you have seen Whiteway Laidlaw's new furnishing fabrics yet, if not you should lose no time in doing so for there is a perfect fury of new covers and new curtains going on at the moment, and you might find that there was only a yard or two left of the piece you like best if you leave it too long.

The spring cleaning fever takes rather a different form here in Hong Kong. Where at home we go in for an orgy with dusters and polishers, here because servants are cheaper, and if sufficiently looked after very good, and rooms less crowded the great spring turn out is not so necessary. But we feel that something should be done none the less to mark the ending of winter.

With the coming of the sun comes the realisation that curtains and chair covers are tired and faded looking, and we long to renew them. Nothing is easier. Whiteways have the most delightful materials at very reasonable prices and an excellent "chair" tailor.

A most fascinating material makes its appearance in some of the new frocks which have just arrived at The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. This is a new pique with a wide "ridge," and a beautifully soft feel. It drapes like a heavy silk. One has a narrow green and white pique stripe but most of them are in soft colours with no pattern.

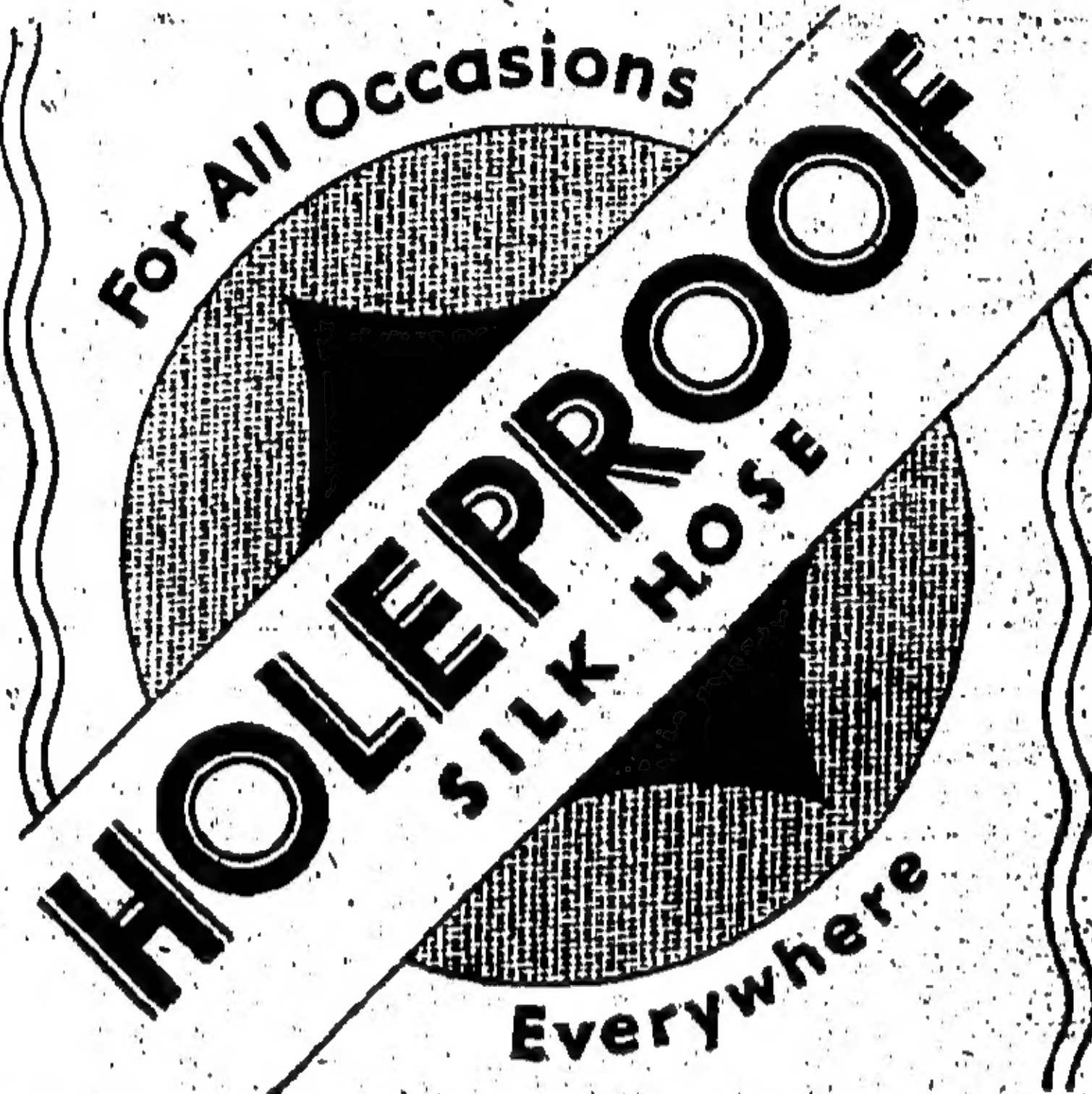
Another new material is cotton angel skin lace which is used for a very pretty afternoon frock in pastel blue with a ribbon sash. Among the silk frocks I liked particularly one patterned in dull pink and black with a fish collar. There are also lots of charming new frocks in printed cottons and linen. You should certainly look over this new collection of summer dresses as they are so charming as any I have seen and very reason-

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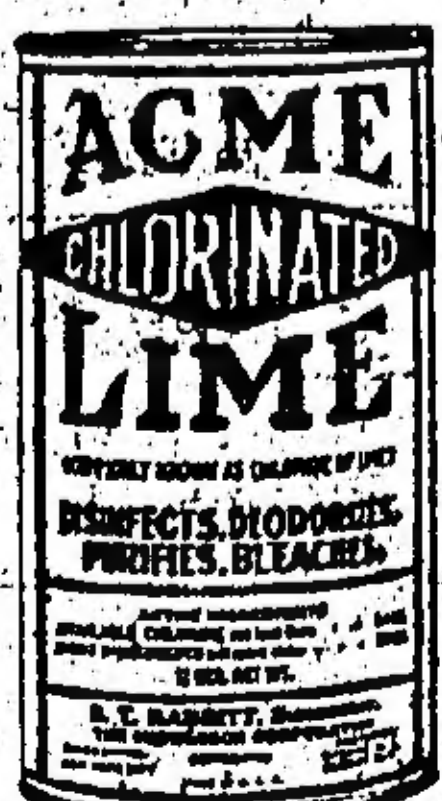
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The Spring Fashions Arrive In Force

PARIS: Trimings That Help— Novelty Plaids—The Hat Line

Attractive little touches that were formerly kept exclusively for the expensive Paris model of later date are now available. New trims, such as belts or metal clasps and buttons, quaint novelties in hand-work, flowers, and everyday sort of trimming, scarves, and so on, give a fresh note to dress.

Although pearl and mid blue are the two colours selected in the usual way by Jean Patou for spring, there is a bewildering variety of others throughout his collection.

These two new colours are contrasted for coats and dresses, but the thrill comes when he breaks up introducing the gayest and brightest grass green and orange reds for scarf out of doors to wear with black or raven-blue frocks.

Twin slittings through which a slip of colour seen in the dress is passed to tie in a bow relieve the tension of button fastenings. This detail is graceful and emphasises the slack line, but is abandoned when a blow tie of grass-green is slotted into the bodice of a black dress to match an overcoat of grass-green broadcloth.

A brick-red sash evolves another method to bring colour to a black frock and mirror the tone of a brick-red coat with a black lining.

Easy Waistlines.

Dresses are sleek, and supple fittings convey easy waistlines at the compromise which says neither high nor low but cast comfortably between the two.

Sleeves are either long, short puffed or capped to elbow length, in both coats and dresses—puffed lengths having intricate shoulder fittings to defy copyists in just the same manner that slack coat lines are not going to be as easy to handle as they sound.

Sand beige pigskin for belt, collar, and gloves brings a good trimming note to a brown dress, with a black jacket out to sway at an excellent hip length. Checked taffetas, plaided hats and sprays knots at sleeves, necks, and waists of quiet coloured models. This applies also to large plain coloured linen handkerchiefs points on yokes and short sleeves.

Pigeon Feathers.

Feathers come into play when detachable details are suggested to bring different aspects to one dress. Purple pigeon feathers forming rosettes enhance the décolleté of a white evening gown, and scarlet coq feathers are curled to take a line over one shoulder-strap of a black evening gown. This is an effective detail when matching a bracelet.

London Fashion Notes

Our air-mail letter to women

London March 14th.

Metal Decorations

Metal clips and buttons are now strictly relegated to sports clothes and not used on afternoon frocks. Wood is also being used too lavishly. An important model in a new wool hopsack of fawn and black shadings was ruined by very large and meaningless buttons of red wood.

Cotton Frocks

This is to be a great year for cotton dresses. In every important collection one finds model after model made of gingham voile, fancy cotton stuffs, and linens, and there is every evidence that the success of the white frock is to be repeated again this year. Plaid cottons trimmed with velvet to tone are a popular fancy. One outstanding model was of fine green gingham, white and pale yellow, swathed at the waist with a velvet belt in the two colours, and worn with a coat of green velvet, which matched a flat handbag carried by the maunquin.

Cotton tennis frocks in bird's eye pique are charming with shoulder-flaps for sleeves and bow tie waistbelts of tartan checked organdie, which cotton tweed dresses provide freedom of movement by means of knitted wool yokes in contrasting colours. Sports skirts for the first time this season are cut "en forme" and bodices have low V sunback openings, short, square front and back one under short box jackets. Some attractive jackets are in red and white or blue and white close knit jersey in large gingham checks for white tweed cotton frocks. These little jackets look quaint, too, in cotton, with three front fastenings of large link buttons.

These feathered trimmings are handled elegantly, particularly when motifs in scarlet coq feathers curl to rest flat before the shoulder rosettes enhance to décolleté of a black evening gown.

While talking of black evening gowns, a one-button glove in black antelope, with a black velvet back seaming, makes an onslaught on gauntlets. Short-fingered mittens in China or satin are worn in suede glove fashion on the forearms.

A new pearl beige makes a delightful background for old-fashioned velvet tones in graceful short coat wraps and waistbelts.

LONDON: Colour Thrills—Barnyard Feathers—Surprises In Gloves

Novelties in the mode are seen earlier in London than usual, for our English designers—no longer awaiting the verdict of Paris—have given us many indications of spring novelties. The first tweeds and changes in the wool and knitted range are essentially British of



PLAIDS ARE STILL VERY POPULAR, AND ARE MOST ATTRACTIVE USED IN THIS WAY

Moss green velvet on a pale pink satin gown, the waistline being swathed with a glimpse of ruby red.

The New Length.

Apart from sports lengths, the skirts in the Molyneux collection invariably finish below the calf level, at uneven lengths that sometimes dip at the back. A slight "en forme" movement is noticeable, with a short godet inserted at the centre back of many models. Black dresses, with either white or beige half-length black coats of coarse knitted fabric, are effective. The white and beige offering trimming motifs in the form of sash, rope belts, ring trimmings for buttons, and ties. This contrast in linen crash is extended to gloves and hats.

Crash Gauntlets.

New gloves swar. The novelties are the gauntlets in crash—both white and beige, light woollens, plain and dire satin, woollen crepe, and floral prints. They can be visualised matching a trimming detail for morning, afternoon, and evening gowns.

creation, and the early efforts of our experts were centred on practical garments for the cruises.

More than ever is a soft finish in fabric desired. The cosy deck coats of bold checked wool designs are therefore soft and light; so much so, that many of them can also stand a fur lining and still retain their slim air.

The newest of wraps is in pumice-grey plaid, checked grey and white, with a hint of blue. This model is cut with wide reverse and belt, semi-fitting, but in the narrower skirt is an inverted piece in front that easily comes in and out, so that when the wearer sits on deck the wrap-over bit keeps the knees warm.

The lining of this is in pale blue fleecy lambwool; a scarf of the two shades and a knitted grey beret and grey garters complete the outside wrappings.

suit, with high neckline and tucked in at the waist. A blouse of fine satin in three broad pastel-coloured stripes looks well with an angora suit in soft smoky grey, the material of the blouse being repeated in the scarf of the jacket. Coarse linen crash is used effectively for the bodice of a two-piece designed for sports wear. The spring hats take up the colour of the blouse or show effective two-colour schemes. Later in the season suit of heavy shantung will have little blouses of stockinette, or organdie, and for sports wear an uncrushable linen with a flyedlike design will look well with the new check tweeds and homespuns.

Hats

Hats are rising to new heights. Heads are crowned with high hats these days and chins are held well up.

The Dress

Below the face we come to the dress. A simple outline for outdoor wear, a bit sleevey for the afternoon, and quite simple down to the hips for the evening, after which one flutes and widens with the effect of a flower the wrong way up. The tailor-made stops eight inches from the ground, and the evening dress hardly half an inch from it. Backs are still worn bare in the evening but as tapes are fashionable one hardly notices it. Very soft materials are used for day and evening tweeds as supple as tulle, but in the evening an occasional semi-stiff effect, as in organdie or waxed satin.

Evening cloaks are more elaborate than tea gowns. They float and loop and flute and drape and knot. They are made in two or three shades and fit better round the body, but go very lumpy in the lower part of the sleeves. In colour they are whatever you like, from garum to a colour like sunburn and moonlight. They are all trimmed with fur or velvet.

Trimings

As for trimmings—one has frills and ruffles and rather sharp fluted flounces of the same material as the dress. There are also feather and lace. Shoes are to be the same stuff as the dress of the nearest to it that is solid enough. Line, impeccable. Ornament none; dull silver allowable heels, not too high.

Blouses

New blouses and jumpers are generally of darker tone than the

Checked and plaid effects are gaining the day over stripes, which, however, are seen in the early stages of herring-bone pattern. A 1933 novelty is depicted in navy checked silk. Ribbons of plaid in taffeta and foulard decorate caps and berets of wool and the early straw.

Some shapes, turning up abruptly at one side and a tiny brim, can have a choux of plaid-silk and a tiny bow of the same as the brim. The 18th century riding hat in felt is sure to sport a fanciful ribbon or flower made of tulle, foulard, or taffeta. For these fabrics, either plain or patterned, are used as decorative rosettes or quills on the early spring hats.

The spring hat styles will puzzle many of us. The best thing is to choose the most becoming models from any collection, for all and any period may prove popular.

Collars and gloves again seem to display decorative additions. Turret-embroidery in cotton and silk, white and coloured, edges dainty collars and cuffs. Another favourite trimming is pleated taffeta frill or small quaint ruche. I have seen a plain grey wool crepe with a fichu collar and wristbands edged with pink and grey spotted taffeta frills, small double ones.

The same trimming is often extended to the hat and gloves. Sometimes the simplest kid or suede gloves have a gauntlet decorated with frills or ruffles to match the hat.

These uses of ribbon-work and embroidery are most helpful in cheering up practical darker clothes.

A navy wool dress is always a useful possession, especially when worn with a small checked tweed coat in navy and grey. A new

model I have seen was cut like a coat-frock, finished blue, with a hint of grey. The distinctly low waist showed a daff blue checked leather band, with grey pearl buttons. A small collar of grey crepe was trimmed with blue and grey turreted embroidered edging, and the long neat cuffs finished in similar fashion. For indoor wear was a little shoulder cape of the two colours, that also formed a scarf out of doors to wear with the big coat.

The stitched felt hat was in grey, and was of absurdly small dimensions. It tipped forward like a small Victorian boater, with a far away veil of navy blue lace.

The simple office dress can, in its way, be as pretty as a very expensive formal frock this season. There is so much in dainty details as well as lovely colouring, and inexpensive new British materials.

It is all the little "extras" in detail that provide the stimulus of change, and give in our mode of dressing.

Collars

There is no doubt that the ultra-large collars are descending from their giddy heights. The spring mode is lighter. The tailored way prevails, which suggests a general neatness and regard to the proportions and lengths. It is absurd to state such things in terms of actual inches; one gains an impression of a rather lower and more becoming line. Certain designers of note are declaring for the waist to be nearer the hips. This change is decisive, but as it will not suit everyone it is certain that other dress artists will continue to toy with Empire modes and higher waists.

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MOVIE NEWS

Pictures In Hong Kong.

"TESS OF THE STORM COUNTRY"

TWO STARS OF CHARMING TEMPERAMENT

If the stars of the screen were half as temperamental as they are said to be, there would be but few motion pictures made during the course of a year. Too much time would be consumed in backbitching and wrangling. But fortunately, they are not. Stars are, first, human beings, and as such are possessed of common sense, intelligence, a feeling of fairness and a respect for the rights of others, which in turn make for the good of all.

There are of course times when they will have an attack of nerves, under the strain of long and tedious work of the housewife and the busi-

known for their even and kindly dispositions are Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, whose latest Fox picture, "Tess of the Storm Country," is scheduled for an early local showing at the King's Theatre.

Janet Gaynor is as delightful a person off the screen as she is on. A willing and indefatigable worker, with an eager ear for constructive criticism or suggestions that will improve her performance, Hollywood directors find her easy to work with. Retakes seldom try her patience and she is always ready with a kindly word for the player who has made reshooting necessary. She never attempts to overshadow a subordinate player or steal a scene, but sticks closely to the natural portrayal of her characterization, with the common sense knowledge that if the picture as a whole is pleasing, the louder will be the acclaim. When Marian Nixon recently scored so decided a hit in



Edward G. Robinson's Picture.

ness man. And like the non-professional's outbreak the screen player's tantrum is the exception and not the rule.

Among the many stars who are

the title role of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Miss Gaynor was the first person to congratulate her. Surely this can not be temperamental, in view of the fact that the story was originally planned for Jane.

Charles Farrell has often been called the friendliest, most easy-going and popular star in Hollywood. He has more proteges than any other screen player. His willingness to help the others follow was 200 percent born with his first assignment. When Frank Langford was seeking an actor for the part of "Chico" in "7th Heaven," Farrell recommended a friend of his to the noted director, only to be selected for the role himself.

The popularity of Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell is easily

"FAST LIFE" AT THE QUEEN'S
CAPITAL LOVE AND ADVENTURE FILM

"Fast Life" showing at the Queen's Theatre is an excellent picture of speed-boat racing. It tells of a penniless inventor with a boat that won't go right, of a sporting yacht-builder who backs him, and the latter's pretty daughter. The inventor and his pal get foul of the law, steal the boat and have in her a thousand thrills and escapes. They slip in a sort of Robin Hood manner, through the hands of police patrols; they play the roles of run-runners and rum-catchers; they steal a bride and end by winning the great international race, and restoring their patrons fortune; to say nothing of steering the romance through successfully.

William Haines plays the young inventor, and adventurer. He has modified his style of acting, and though his exuberance would still do with some pruning there is no doubt that he carries through a boisterous part successfully. Madge Evans, who plays opposite to him, is a pretty girl and well suited to a sporting and high-spirited role.

"Fast Life" as a jolly and quick moving film, just adventure and romance, and thoroughly well worth seeing.

The main film is preceded by "Pups in Pups," an Our Gang film, with clever children and a most amusing troupe of good natured animals.

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best explained in the words of Alfred Santell, who directed "Tess Of The Storm Country." He recently said: "If it is as pleasurable to watch Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell on the screen as it is to direct them in a picture it is easily understood why they are so popular."

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"HELL'S HIGHWAY"
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The passing of the alabaster saint from screen drama and the substitution of real human beings who are neither saint nor devil, but a mixture of both, goes on apace in "Hell's Highway," the RKO-Radio picture at the Central to-day in which Richard Dix plays the role of a sometimes brutal, sometimes gentle convict.

In one scene he swings a pick with terrific force, sinking its point a fraction of an inch from a fellow convict's feet, just to show how good his aim could be if necessary. In the prison riot scene which marks the climax of the drama he shoots and kills a guard with no more concern than if he were taking his morning cup of coffee.

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"SOCIETY GIRL"
DUNN-PEGGY SHANNON
FILM AT KING'S

"Society Girl" the film drama from the Fox Studios opening to-day at the King's Theatre, pictures James Dunn and Peggy Shannon as the principals in a romance which has the heroine shying from wedding bells. With an unconcern for public opinion quite in keeping with the attitude of the smart set she represents, Miss Shannon brazenly leads Dunn on in a heart affair that is manifestly but a past-

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

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SATURDAY (April 1.)

III Moon 7th Day.)

Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 1.30.

Oxford and Cambridge Society Dinner, Gloucester Building, 8 p.m.

Dances.

Ten Dances at King's Restaurant; Hong Kong Hotel; Gloucester Building; and Majestic Dancing Academy.

Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant; Peninsula; Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels; and Gloucester Building.

Sports.

Cricket.—Second Division, Indian R.C. v. Queen's College (F); Civil Service v. Diocesan Boys' School (F).

Football.—First Division, St. Joseph's v. Chinese Athletic; Navy v. Club; South Wales Borderers v. Kowloon; Police v. Royal Artillery; Third Division, Radio Sports v. Recreation; Royal Engineers v. University; Royal Air Force v. South China; R.A.S.C. v. South Wales Borderers.

Yachting.—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Consolation and Special Race for winners.

Principle Malls.

Inward from Europe via Siberia by Phenix; Outward for Europe via Siberia by Katori Maru 10 a.m.; for Australia by Nankin 9.30 a.m.; for Europe via Suez by Bangalore 9.45 a.m.; Air Mail for Europe by Prosper 4 p.m.

The popularity of Mr. Lloyd George in Nonconformist circles has been providing the organisers of the annual meeting of the National Free Church Council with a pretty little problem of accommodation.

Originally they thought that the City Hall, which holds some 2,500 people, would be sufficiently spacious for the purpose of their meeting. But as soon as it became known that Mr. Lloyd George was to address the meeting, at least another two or three thousand people said that they wished to be present.

In order to accommodate them an overflow meeting is to be held at the Victoria Hall, which Mr. Lloyd George will address subsequently. His speech will not touch on any political subject, but is expected to be a stimulating address on Nonconformity.

ing whom with her, Dunn, however, being a youngster from the masses where more old-fashioned standards are still in vogue, considers being in love and wanting to marry somewhat the same thing.

Around this central point of difference, the dramatic conflict of the picture mounts through a vivid series of adventures, said to be lightened by much humour and many deft characterizations to a climax that is reported to be as unusual as the dramatic theme. Spencer Tracy, as Dunn's chief adviser and closet pal, carries the chief responsibility in the supporting cast that also includes Walter Byron, Bert Hanlon and scores of others. Sidney Lanfield, who guided Dunn to his recent success in "Dance Team" again directed him in "Society Girl." It is the film version of the John Larkin, Jr. play of the same name.

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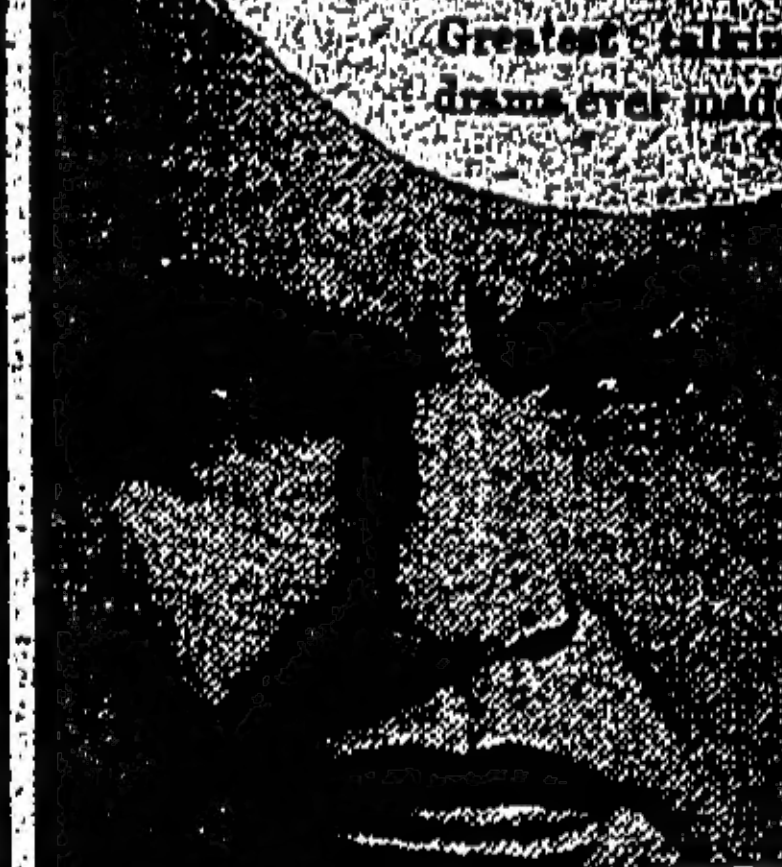
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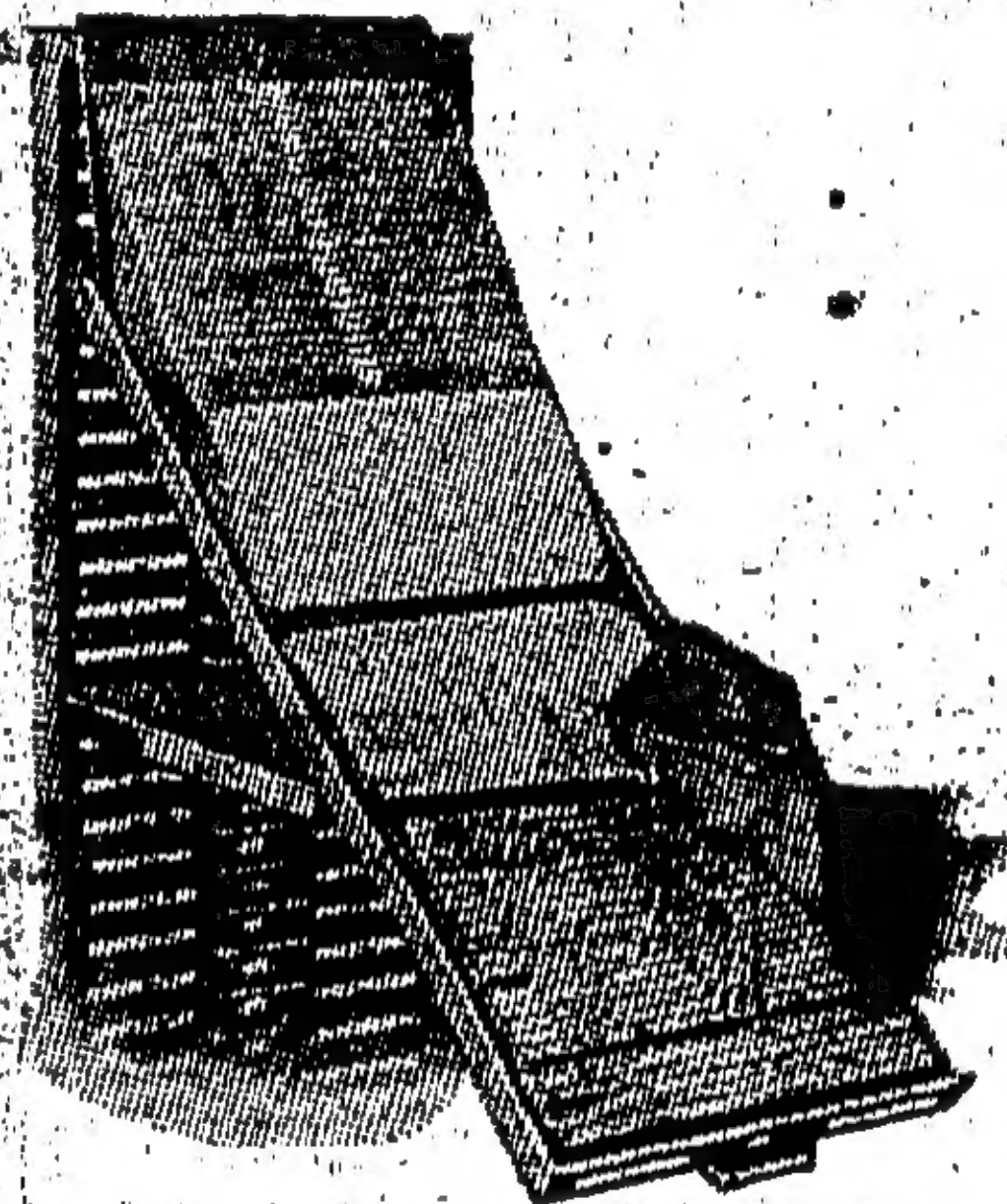
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In fact, Shameen is very much the world in miniature.

SPIRITED DEBATE AT RATEPAYER'S MEETING

The annual general meeting of Shameen ratepayers was held at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General on Monday, March 6th, 1933, at 5.30 p.m.

Those present were:—Asiatic Petroleum Co. (South China), Ltd., R. K. Batchelor, British-American Tobacco Company (China), Ltd., British Consul-General, Anglican Church Trustee, Representative of Russian Consulate, British Consul, British Vice-Consul, British Vice-Consul, Canton Club Trustees, Chartered Bank of I. A. and China, China Navigation Co., Ltd., Chinese Maritime Customs (F. W. Maze), Chinese Postal Administration, Dr. E. C. Davenport (c/o Dr. R. L. L. Lancaster), Deacon & Co., Ltd., Deacon Estate Co., H. Dent & Co., Ltd. (c/o Deacon & Co., Ltd.), Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Wm. Farmer, Freemasons Hall Trustees, Fuji Paper Co., Ltd., M. B. and Futakia Futakia, N.B., General Silk Importing Co., Inc., T. E. Griffith, T. E. Griffith, Ltd., T. E. Griffith (1932), Ltd., A. Hoffmeister, A. Vivian Hogg, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., Japan Cotton Trading Co., Ltd., Japanese Club, Japanese Consul-General, Japanese Hospital, Japanese Primary School, Dr. R. L. Lancaster, W. R. Loxley & Co., Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., E. R. and Vashina Mogra, F.P., Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Nissin Kisen Kaisha, Osaka Shosen Kaisha, Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., Reuter, Brockelmann & Co., Ltd., Shameen Municipal Council, Shameen Printing Press, Ltd., R. G. Shewan, Shewan, Tomes & Co., U. Spalinger, Staff Buildings, Ltd. (A. P. Co., Ltd.), Standard Oil Co. of New York, B. C. Tavadia, E. C. Tavadia, The Texas Co. (China), Ltd., A. S. Watson Co., Ltd., Chas. E. Watson, Major C. Willson, O.B.E., Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.—Total 124.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman (Mr. Phillips) called on Mr. Hill, the Chairman of the Council, to address the meeting.

Mr. Hill said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, The Municipal Report and Accounts as printed give fully and clearly what has transpired during the past year of 1932, and I can therefore add but little to what you have read.

Nursing Home.

This was our most difficult problem of the year. The lease with the hotel expired at the end of December, and your Council had to decide whether to renew it or find something more suitable. The hotel for many and obvious reasons was not an ideal nursing home. Furthermore, the accommodation was not sufficient, and in fact was completely filled several times during the year, and at one time a patient had unfortunately to go elsewhere. The servants quarters were also very cramped, so much so that the servants were constantly resigning. It, therefore, meant an additional two rooms being taken if the Nursing Home was to remain at the hotel, and this would have cost at least H.K.\$100 a month, bringing the total rent to H.K.\$425 a month.

For months your Council looked about for a more suitable building, which should not cost the ratepayers a great deal more. Two houses on the bund were considered, the rent was high and the structural alterations in both cases would have cost a considerable sum of money. Finally Dr. Lancaster offered the Council the building where the present Nursing Home is situated at H.K.\$425 a month. In other words at the same rent that we would have had to pay the Hotel. No structural alterations were necessary. Well, I think you will all agree that your Council did what was obviously right in accepting Dr. Lancaster's offer. Should any ratepayers wish to visit the new Home I am sure both Miss Brewster, the Matron, and Dr. Lancaster will be only too glad to arrange a convenient time. Your Council feel that it is now an ideal small Nursing Home as the M.O.H. has stated

The Police and Fire Brigade.

In connection with the Police Department I have, once again, much pleasure in thanking the City Police for their close co-operation. When one of our motor fire engines was under repair in the Summer, Mr. Chan Mak Heung, the Chief of the City Brigade, very kindly loaned us one of his small engines as a standby. His kind assistance is very much appreciated.

Referring to the accounts you will note that \$30,000 was placed on Fixed Deposit, in accordance with my previous statement, and to this sum the Council intend, about the middle of the year when all taxes are collected, to add a further sum so as gradually to build up the "General Reserve Fund" against possible contingencies. In closing these few remarks, I should like to take this opportunity of placing on record the Council's appreciation of the services of all Municipal Officers and Staff.

The Municipal Report and Accounts were formally adopted.

Budget Estimate for 1933.

Mr. Hill: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Coming back to the Shameen Nursing Home, you will see that we have budgeted for a very much greater expenditure than previously. We purchased new furniture and fittings for the new premises and your Council decided to write off the cost of all items except the heavy furniture, in this budget. The heavy furniture to be written down in three years so that one-third of this cost is included in "Depreciation" as well. The only other item which goes to form the small increase in our taxes is "General Repairs and Maintenance." We have always kept our maintenance costs as low as possible, but we feel that Ratepayers will readily understand that larger sums must be spent every five years, and unfortunately this coming year we must spend more money to keep our building in sound condition. During the year under review one of our oldest road-sweepers resigned after some 24 years service, and it was decided to grant him a bonus of \$350 representing one month's pay for each year of service. Early this year (1933), Ng Yau, Police Interpreter, retired after 34 years of faithful service, and he was granted a gratuity of \$2,084.40, and this sum is included in 1933's Police pay. At present the Police are the only Council employees covered by the Provident Fund, and the retiring members of the Council suggest that the incoming Council consider the question of extending the Provident Fund to all Municipal employees on the permanent staff. There are no further points I need stress, and I now take pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Budget Estimates as set forth for 1933, and will include with your permission, Resolutions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, relative to the Budget.

Mr. M. A. Annett seconded the resolution.

Protest Against Expenditure.
Mr. Farmer: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—For some years past, a section of Ratepayers—those of us who own our own land and endeavour to operate our small business here—have viewed with alarm the rapidly increasing rate at which taxation has mounted. In previous years a certain amount of latitude was allowable in view of our over-draft at the Bank, but after the figures presented at our last general meeting we confidently expected to see a decrease in the rate for the year 1933, but instead of this we are presented with a budget increased by no less a sum than \$13,000. This, in spite of the fact that we have a general reserve of \$30,760 and a credit in our current account of something over \$22,000. I feel most strongly that this time has come to call a halt to these lavish estimates. I do not wish to labour the fact of our over-draft, but you are all fully aware of it, and no doubt all agreed by it in some way. But I must insist that the ratepayers should be given a chance to express their views on this matter. I am sure that if the Council were to call a meeting of ratepayers, they would be able to express their views on this matter. I am sure that if the Council were to call a meeting of ratepayers, they would be able to express their views on this matter.

WUCHOW NOTES

General's Appeal for the Aeroplane Fund

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Wuchow, March 27.
An appeal to the people of Nanning to subscribe money to the Government to purchase aeroplanes for use against the Japanese was made by General Pei Shung Hsi last week. The General said that the Government had already spent over three million dollars in purchasing 30 aeroplanes, but these were not enough, as the Japanese had over two thousand planes and could attack any fort in China. "The reason why no effective resistance could be offered to the Japanese in Manchuria was because of this handicap. Nanning was quite near Peking from which place the Japanese could attack any moment that they might wish," said the General.

The Kwong Yan Hospital.

The Kwong Yan Hospital in Wuchow, which has for many years been giving free treatment for the poor, and which was recently pulled down has now been reconstructed. The necessary funds were raised from the shops and business people in Wuchow, and amounted to over twenty thousand dollars. A large number of prominent people were present at the opening ceremony held on Sunday, March 19.

Lawless Tribes.

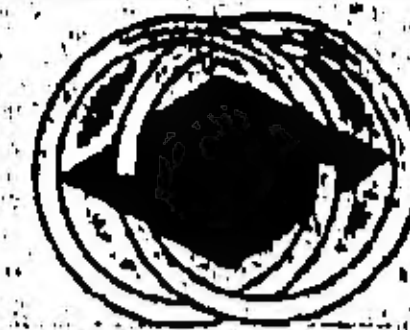
Recently trouble was created by several lawless tribes on the borders between north of Kwangsi and Kweichow provinces, and the officials of Nanning desiring to win them over to better ways, had an interview with their chiefs, and later entertained them to a big banquet. This, however, did not have the desired effect, as several days later, the tribes, together with the "Reds" again created trouble, raiding a number of villages. Stern measures were then taken and the lawless tribes have been suppressed.

The Boycott.

The boycott against Japanese goods continues as strict as ever, but there are still a few people who venture to trade with the "enemy." A little while ago, a passenger on board the s.s. Tai Ming was caught carrying something of Japanese make, and he was paraded along the streets, attired in garments of humiliation, as a warning to the "lawless ones."

1924 the total taxation amounted to 3,7314 per cent.; by 1929 it had risen to 6,0695 per cent. This evening we are asked to pass a total taxation of 9.189 per cent. Now Gentlemen if our public facilities, our roads, our lighting and our drainage system had improved to that extent there would be no quibble, but to the best of my recollection these

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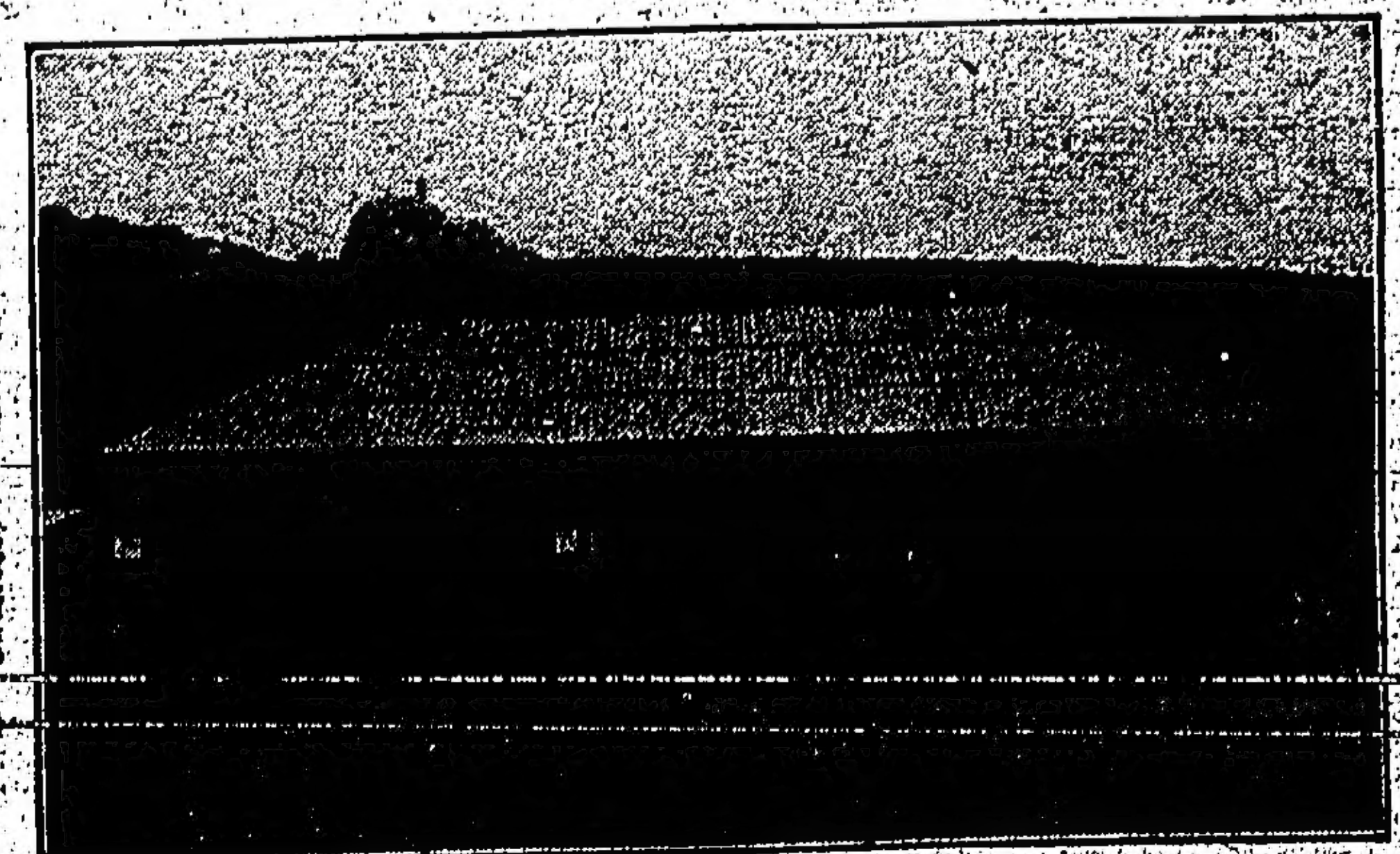
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Increased Public Expenditure At Shameen

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Facilities are in much the same condition as they were in 1924, and certainly as they were in 1929. Improvements there certainly have been on the island, but they have been mostly by private enterprise resulting in revenue to the Ratepayers; resulting also to a certain extent in increased expenditure by reason of Secretariat and Police expenses.

But I cannot see why General Expenses should increase concurrently with our increased revenue, and on this point I beg leave to question several of the items in the Budget. Before proceeding, however, I would like to thank the Council for the information they have given me. I had a series of questions to put forward, and they have given me the information and told me I was at liberty to use it.

The Naval Canteen.

Included in the P.W.D. estimated increase there is a sum of \$2,000 for extraordinary redecoration of Municipal buildings. This money was voted by us last year, but instead of using it for that purpose they have spent it on repairs to the Royal Naval Canteen. Apart from the ethics of spending money on items for which it was not voted, I have a very clear impression that during my term of service on the Council a new lease was concluded with the Royal Naval Authorities whereby they became responsible for the repairs to that building. I presume their lease has since been changed. Lastly, Gentlemen, we have the Shamoon School Grant—\$3,000. The school is in receipt of aid to the extent of \$350 a month for the sake of some 17 children, a matter of over \$30 per month per child. Now a school is certainly an asset to the community but to be called upon to pay so much for what really amounts to a kindergarten appears to me to be rather unfair.

Mr. Farmer, in conclusion, proposed as an amendment that Resolution 3 should read—

"The House Tax (including Resolution No. 1) shall be at the rate of 7.63 per cent. on the total assessed rentals in accordance with the Assessment List already circulated, payable before March 31, 1933."

and that Resolution 3 shall read "The Land Tax shall be at the rate of 19.87 per cent. on H.R.M. Government's valuation of 1921/22 for each lot, payable before 31st March, 1933."

Plea for Economy.

Mr. Hogg, in supporting Mr. Farmer, said—in connection with the Hospital, Chairman of the Council's remarks have not been very convincing. The fact remains that the additional expenditure in removing that hospital has meant a total of \$8,350.

I am yet to be convinced whether the move was necessary. In any case I suggest that the Ratepayers as a pure matter of courtesy, should have been consulted. After making a series of detailed criticisms, Mr. Hogg said: I feel that it is quite possible that a thorough investigation would enable the Council to pare something off their estimates of \$5,640.

Why Pounce on Landlords?

Sir, I would like to say this, if there is to be this heavy extra expenditure, and in this I include expenditure on the School, why pounce on landowners by raising the house and land taxes, which proposed increases amount to about 10 per cent. no small increase. To meet this expenditure, why not draw upon the General Reserve Fund which, as was explained at last year's meeting by the Chairman of the Council, was created against "contingencies." Surely both the Nursing Home and the School come under this category. Or why not use the large credit balance with the Bank instead of placing it to further augment this General Reserve? And in view of these increased expenditure, why have the Council been in such a desperate hurry to pay off the overdraft—why should present Ratepayers be made to pay off everything? I suggest, in order to relieve the House and Land Taxes, adopting a stamp duty of say 5 or 10 cents per cheque, on cheques drawn on the Shamoon banks, and which would bring in a very considerable amount and would touch everybody's pocket, whereas as things are now, there are many people living on Shamoon who do not pay an iota towards the expenses of upkeep of the Concession but get all that there is to be got in the way of benefits which are precious few in comparison to the huge expenditure incurred in running this small Concession. It certainly seems to me grossly unfair that landowners should always be called upon to pay for these everlasting increases.

What is really wanted on this Concession is a period of Economy, decrease in taxation, which has been badly lacking for a number of years. In fact, I can safely say that since the majority of the Council is composed of members representing Hong Kong firms and

MOTOR FATALITY IN JUBILEE ROAD

Chinese School Mistress Killed

CURIOUS STORY AT CORONER'S INQUEST

The circumstances surrounding the death of a young Chinese school mistress, who was fatally injured in a motor car crash between Jubilee Road and Felix Villas on the afternoon of March 11, were inquired into at Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner, and was assisted by a jury comprised of Messrs. C. F. Andrews (foreman), Tsoi Wai Ching and Wong King Pun.

It will be recalled that following this accident, the alleged driver of the car, Kwok Hung Ki, described as a broker of Macao, is now on remand in Victoria Gaol on charges of theft by bailor of a car (alleged to be the one concerned in the accident), from Ng Chuk Wah, a building contractor, and of obtaining \$1,000 by means of an alleged forged cheque at the American Express Company.

At yesterday's inquest, Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared for Kwok Hung Ki, the alleged driver of the car, and Mr. R. A. Wadson represented the owner.

Before evidence was taken, the Coroner pointed out to the jury that probably a very serious accusation would be preferred against the driver, and in view of this the jury had to find out from the evidence what weight could be attached to this accusation.

Eye-witness' Story.

Sin Pin Sun, a houseboy in the employ of Dr. To Kwok Sun of 196, Sassoon Road, said that at the time of the accident he was walking along Jubilee Road towards Mount Davis Road. When near a bend, a car passed him and after passing him about five or six feet it plunged down the hillside. There were neither cars nor pedestrians in front at the time, and the car was going at an ordinary speed. He could not see how many persons were in the car nor did he notice the driver. When the car toppled over it had taken about one third of the bend. As soon as the accident occurred, several witnesses rushed to the side of the road and saw two girls lying on the hillside, evidently badly hurt and bleeding. He then ran to a house nearby to get assistance but got no response. Immediately afterwards, Mr. Alfred Morris passed by in his car and witness stopped him and told him what had happened. Together they went to the scene, and as soon as he reached it, witness heard the younger girl saying "He must have deliberately injured us." The older girl then asked "who" and the younger replied "Ah Ki." Mr. Morris and he then carried them to the car. The girls were lying about three feet away from each other, while the man, who was unconscious, was found further down about ten feet away. The car was still further down and had apparently been stopped by a tree.

In reply to Mr. Lo, witness said that he made a statement about the accident to the police about four or five days after. He was quite sure there was no pedestrian in front of the car when the accident happened. He was wearing a white coat at the time.

Mr. Lo: Do you agree that this accident was unavoidable because the driver tried to avoid knocking you down?

Mr. Schofield: That is asking him to express the opinion which the jury is asked to express.

Mr. Lo: In that case I better leave it alone. I was instructed that there was a man in front of the car and as the witness said that he was the only one on the road it might probably be him.

Medical Evidence.

Medical evidence was then given by Dr. H. H. Thomas who said that at 1.20 p.m. on March 11 three persons, two girls and a man were brought to the Government Civil Hospital by Mr. Morris. They were Yeung Wai Lin, 23 (deceased), Yeung Wai Yuk, 20 and Kwok Ki, 26.

The deceased was suffering from numerous injuries and died at 6.10 p.m. the same day. She was, however, conscious almost to the end and was able to answer questions put by witness. The causes of death were shock and haemorrhage.

PROGRESS IN KANCHOW

A POWER STATION THE BIG NEED

BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR MACHINERY FIRMS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

KANCHOW (Kiangsi), Mar. 20.

Orders have been given for the tearing down of certain areas to make broad streets, many have been hit hard, and so far there is no redress, it is an axiom that all advance means suffering to some, so in the matter of getting a more up-to-date city there must of necessity be many whose property will be taken down without any compensation. It does seem a great pity that there could not be some way by which those who thus lose heavily could be paid at least a nominal price for what has to be destroyed. This is especially the case where the whole house is doomed to make new streets, as all others will benefit by the improvement, there ought to be some way of making a levy which would not be hard on anyone, and would allow those who lose much to have at least some little to help in their time of need.

I was in Chicago some years ago when the authorities were making an immense Avenue and tearing down streets of houses, but all these were bought and paid for, it may not be the full market value but sufficient to compensate for part of the loss.

What a Power Station Would Mean.

We are also promised a power station here, which will mean electric light and also power to be used for machinery, this should be capable of great development, as machinery is needed badly for many uses. Rice hulling and polishing, an important industry, will be very much helped by the use of modern machinery, by electricity, while wood sawing might also be developed, as it is time a big city like this had some other way of making boards than by two men with a hand saw making a few feet of boards in a day.

The crux of the whole thing lies in whether they will give us a real power station or not, we have had one for some time but it was not of any use, and power was only to be had at night.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT FINAL CONCERT

The final concert of the season was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute, and attracted a large audience.

The programme, of vocal and instrumental music was well arranged and it was a real pleasure to have so many of the favorite amateur artists of the Colony on the platform during a single concert.

A trio with Mrs. Balaan (violin), Mrs. Arnold (cello) and Miss Balaan (piano) opened the programme with a delightful rendering of the "Andante movement of Mendelssohn op. 49."

Three songs followed all of which suited the rich coloratura soprano of Miss Elsa Alves. Miss Gomes was at the piano.

A chopin piano solo by Miss Balaan which got very hearty applause came before the next vocal series. Mrs. Portallion always put her songs across well and yesterday's concert proved once more what a delight it is to listen to her. Mrs. Griggs was the accompanist.

Next came a charmingly rendered violin solo by Mrs. Balaan and then a third group of songs given by Mrs. Womack with Mrs. Matheson at the piano. We have missed Mrs. Womack's singing recently and it was a real pleasure to see her name on the programme, no less pleasure of course to hear her sing. The charming little "Aid de Lia" of Debussy went particularly well.

CHINESE RAILWAYS

RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Not long ago yesterday ordered the abolition of the Engineering Office for the projected Tsingchow-Shanghai Railway. All documents and relevant matters are to be handed over to the Administrative Committee for the Tsingchow-Shanghai Railway, which will hereafter undertake surveys and construction work on the new line. The Ministry also instructed that (Continued at foot of page 4.)

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 4th APRIL, 1933, to the 10th APRIL, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. N. WONG,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1933. [653]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 4th April, 1933, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 29th March, 1933, to Tuesday, the 4th April, 1933. Both days inclusive, during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. E. ELLAMS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1933. [612]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, the 4th of April, 1933, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1932.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 28th March, to 4th April 1933, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1933. [985]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday, the 10th April, 1933, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1932.

The following Resolutions will also be submitted to the Meeting—

- (1) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Consulting Committee be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum."
- (2) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Auditors be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,600 per annum for each firm."

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 27th March, to the 10th April, 1933, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1933. [605]

REMEMINDER.

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SHAREHOLDERS are reminded

that the First Call of 25 cents per share in respect of the New Issue shares made to them by circular letter dated 1st February, 1933, is due for payment at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on or before 10th April, 1933.

Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1933. [643]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Provisional Certificate No. 57495, dated Hong Kong 20th February, 1933 for Four shares of this Bank numbered 127041/127044 inclusive registered in the name of L. A. B. 211, has been lost or stolen, and that this certificate is not to be produced to the Bank before 10th April, 1933, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Provisional Certificate No. 57495 will be thereafter voided by this Corporation as null and void.

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Y. M. GRAYBURN,

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BRITISH BANKING POLICY

It is impossible to form an adequate and true conception of the position of British banking in 1933 without keeping in mind the general state of world commerce.

During the whole of the year the world economic crisis continued; commodity prices fell; and export trade dwindled in all countries.

The only general difference between 1933 and the preceding year was that the worst of the depression seemed in 1933 to be felt in those countries still on the gold basis. So far as Great Britain herself is concerned, 1933 was marked by the operation of two important factors that somewhat mitigated the effects of the general crisis. These were the depreciation of sterling in terms of gold currencies, and the adoption of protective tariffs. The first stimulated export trade and reduced imports. Protection, of course, also reduced imports. In addition to the vastly important effects of these two factors was the purely psychological effect of the successful conversion of the War Debt to a lower rate of interest. The trade effect of this financial operation has yet to make itself felt, but the general lowering of interest rates that the conversion has brought about will tend in the long run to expansion of business.

This, then, was the general trade background against which British banking activities in 1933 should be for most of the year depressed in a little in the only brightening of the depression.

The depression is perhaps weeks strikingly shown in the persistent fall in the total of advances made to customers. Never within modern times has the ratio of the aggregate advances to deposits of the London Clearing Banks fallen to such low levels. In the last month of the year this proportion was only 80 per cent.

It is interesting to contrast the position in December, 1932, with that of a year earlier. In December, 1931, the aggregate figure for deposits in the London Clearing Banks was 21,727 millions and the advances 23,899 millions. A twelve-month later these figures were 21,033 millions and 27,713 millions respectively. This contrast is the

advances was, of course, directly due to the want of confidence on the part of the trading community generally. The figures are the more remarkable when it is remembered that in the second half of the year the extreme monetary ease had greatly reduced the price of money. Owing to the difficulty of employing their funds in advances, and also to the great increase in deposits, the banks increased their holdings of bills and of investments. The aggregate monthly average of bills discounted almost doubled in amount in the course of the year, the figures for December, 1931, and 1932 being 2246 millions and 2407 millions, respectively. Investments, which in December, 1931, were 2290 millions, had become 2472 millions a twelve-month later.

The policy of employing their funds to buy investments, of course, helped to raise the prices of these securities. Whereas most of the large banks drew on their reserves in 1931 to meet the depreciation in investments, their securities underwent material appreciation last year. As this appreciation was not generally written-up in the same way that the previous depreciation of the bank's must have benefited considerably. It was not to be expected, of course, that three years of world trade depression would not affect the returns on capital invested in banking any less than that on industry generally. Indeed each member of the "Big Five" banks (i.e., the five leading banks which conduct the overwhelming part of British banking) reported a further fall in profits. The aggregate decline last year was 2,895,389 or 8.8 per cent. To meet this decline these banks at their annual meetings at the opening of this year adopted different policies. Barclays Bank, for example, which has made no reduction in dividend since the crisis began, maintained its customary dividend. The Midland and the Westminster banks also paid the same dividends as for 1931. The other two banks reduced their dividend to meet the new situation. Lloyd's payment was one and one-third per cent. lower, and the National Provincial's dividend was cut by one per cent. It need hardly be stated that in the case of such strong financial institutions as these, a matter of reductions were necessary. In the case of the smaller banks, however, the reduction would have sufficed to maintain dividends without touching on the balance carried forward.

In conclusion it may be said that in view of the extremely unfavourable conditions of the year, the British banks have weathered the storm in a highly satisfactory manner. Such results, and of course, the inevitable improvement, need must be regarded as the fruit of the careful and conservative policy of the British bank practice during the previous years.

OBITUARY

MRS. S. C. ISMAIL

The funeral took place last night at the Mohammedan Cemetery of Mrs. S. C. Ismail, a member of the local Indian Community, who passed away at the Young Woon Nursing Home on Wednesday night.

The deceased, who was 51 years of age, is the mother of Messrs. A. K. Ismail, of the American Express Company, and F. Ismail, of the Naval Yard. She had been in indifferent health for many years. The funeral was largely attended by members of the Indian community.

INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The forty-second Annual Meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong took place yesterday with Mr. F. P. R. James in the chair.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted and at the election of officers which followed Mr. J. Tully was elected President for the ensuing year. The nomination for Mr. Tully was made by Mr. P. T. Farrell, the retiring President, who said that Mr. Tully had been a member of the Institute for 22 years and 4 months, and had on three occasions been Vice President. Mr. Blackburn seconded and the nomination was carried with applause.

Other elections resulted as follows:—

Vice Presidents: Messrs. E. Cock and S. T. Williamson.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. L. Landsberg.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. J. J. Martin.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. H. R. Latham.

Auditors, Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews.

Managing Committee: Messrs. P. T. Farrell, C. Bond, E. W. Blackmore, S. Howard, G. F. Taylor, L. J. Blackburn, J. M. Jack, G. Buchanan, G. Mitford and F. P. R. James.

Souvenirs were given to those who had read papers at the Institute during the year. These souvenirs were made possible through the generosity of Mr. S. T. Williamson, who received a hearty vote of thanks. The recipients were as follows:—

Mr. R. J. Vernal, Prof. M. H. Roffey, Mr. G. Buchanan, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. W. H. Owen, Prof. W. Brown, Mr. S. Simpson and Prof. F. A. Redmond.

Some of the prizes won in the Billiards competition were also presented. The successful players were as follows:—

President's Cup: 1, Mr. W. B. Haslett; 2, Mr. J. C. Saunders; 3, Mr. L. Young.

Vice President's Cup: 1, J. C. Saunders; 2, L. J. Blackburn; 3, F. Smith.

"Osborn" Competition: 1, J. P. A. Davis; 2, W. B. Haslett; 3, J. C. Saunders.

At the conclusion of the meeting Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, a past President of the Institution proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

PO. PIU LOTTERY

Serious Fines for Gambling

A police raid on No. 5, Oobhrane Street, on Wednesday resulted in the appearance before Mr. Wynne Jones yesterday of a tailor, a silversmith and a goods dealer on a charge of keeping a gaming house for po piu lottery.

Inspector Elston said that on Wednesday afternoon, he and several district watchmen went to the house. He found the first defendant at a table, and in front of him were 90 piles of tickets. The second defendant was threading strings through other tickets, while the third defendant was attending near the table, which were a pair of scissors, Chinese pens and paste.

The tickets seized were valued at \$160.

Convicting, his Worship imposed a fine of \$100 or two months' imprisonment, with a hard labour, respectively on each of the three defendants.

The goods dealer, who was also charged with keeping a gaming house, was allowed to go.

In another po piu lottery case, it was stated by Sergeant McRobb that the defendants, a man, aged 53, and his wife, a boy of 12 years of age, were arrested on the staircase at 4, Tung Street, the man and his wife, and the boy, were charged with keeping a gaming house.

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★ News and Views ★

Mother Earth.

A German inventor has designed a radio walking stick which is thrust into the ground in order that its possessor may listen in. A convenient way to keep one's ear to the ground.

D'Annunzio and London.

Gabriele D'Annunzio, who entered his 70th year this month has fulfilled a good many of his dreams, but not that to which he confessed during a visit to London some years ago.

"I know no city," he declared, "that is so profoundly moving as London. Nowhere else is there such a constant play of light and shade. One must live through the whole four seasons in London to drink in all her changing beauty, and some time I hope to do so."

Another attraction which might keep the poet in London for a while, did he venture another visit, might be greyhound racing. When last in England he was so stirred by witnessing the Waterloo Cup that he had two dogs trained in Italy to enter for the event, but his plans were upset by the outbreak of the war.

Dartmouth to Cost Less.

A significant feature of the new Navy Estimates is the big reduction in the cost of the R.N. College at Dartmouth. Only £28,900 is to be voted this year, as against £107,900 in 1932.

This reduction is largely due, no doubt, to the decline in the average number of cadets from 406 to 373. But Dartmouth has been the target for much criticism on the score of its large staff in proportion to the number of cadets—and this may be one reason why the "axe" has been at work.

Is It Worth While?

The future of Dartmouth is one of the most hotly debated topics in naval circles. Quite a number of senior officers, most of them old Dartmouth boys, believe the college to have outlived its usefulness. They would have all future cadets taken from the public schools between the ages of 17 and 18.

Their contention is that the public-schoolboy, thanks to his four years of general education before entering the Navy, is better developed intellectually than the Dartmouth product, whose mind has been moulded in Service grooves from the age of 13.

Apparently, however, the present Board of Admiralty still hold fast to the Dartmouth system.

The Hong Kong dollar was yesterday quoted at 1s. 3d.

The Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will hold its annual meeting at the Sanitary Board room at 6.30 this afternoon.

According to official figures the small-pox epidemic is distinctly on the wane, only one case, from Kowloon, being reported on Wednesday. There was one case of diphtheria and three of meningitis.

An old Haileyburyan Dinner will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel at 8 p.m. to-day. Those interested are requested to communicate with Mr. A. H. Harbord, c/o Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews.

The Bishop of Victoria will give his fifth Lenten discussion for women at the Helena May Institute this morning at 10.30 a.m. Subject being: "Miracles." This meeting is open—all women are welcome.

A fracas in Aberdeen being sent to hospital with a fractured skull, is alleged to have been caused by the victim's refusal to join a Triad Society. He is alleged to have been set upon by three men who pushed him over the sea-wall. The police have made one arrest.

H.E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor Miranda, is expected to arrive by the s.s. Sui An at 11.30 a.m. to-day. There will be an official reception with guard of honour composed of the Portuguese Co. of the Volunteers, and His Excellency Sir William Peel will personally welcome the distinguished guest.

Nanking, March 18.—Following the example of other countries, three new classes of telegrams—Day letter, Night letter, and Deferred telegrams—will be instituted in all Chinese Government Telegraph Offices in the country on April 1st, the day designated by the Ministry of Communications.

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BRITISH AIR-LINER DISASTER RESULT OF PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY

ACCIDENT NOT DUE TO FAILURE OF ENGINES

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Brussels, March 30.

THE City of Liverpool air crash was not due to any failure of the engines. This is the chief conclusion come to at the preliminary enquiry held at the scene of the disaster, and which was communicated to the Cabinet by Mr. Forthomme, the Minister of Transport.

He said that possibly one of the parts of the machine, perhaps the exhaust pipe, has been damaged during a previous landing or at the last take-off and the flame caused by overheating this section must have set fire to the machine and preceded the explosion in one of the engines. The theory that the fire was caused by a passenger smoking a cigarette has been dismissed.

WRECKAGE NOW BEING REMOVED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rouen, March 29.

THE examination and removal of the wreckage of the air liner "City of Liverpool" which met with disaster, near Dixmude, began this afternoon in the presence of a British Air Ministry Inspector and the Belgian air authorities.

The King, in a message to the Imperial Airways Chairman, Sir Eric Geddes, expresses deep sympathy with the relatives of the passengers and crew who lost their lives and with the Company.

Sir Eric Geddes, in a public statement, says that to those who direct and work for the Imperial Airways, the deplorable accident is a great blow and the shock is greater owing to the pride they took in their nine years' record, during which 10,900 miles had been flown.

Public Statement.

As official inquiries are being conducted, it is undesirable to hazard a guess as to the cause of the disaster, but it is possible that the passengers who had applied for reservations to-day on some of their services exceed the accommodation available.

In their grief at the bereavement suffered, the Company find some consolation in the confidence shown on all sides and in the fact that the passengers who had applied for reservations to-day on some of their services exceed the accommodation available.

Question in Commons.

The air disaster was the subject of a question in the Commons where the Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, said the aircraft appears to have caught fire in the air.

Until the receipt of the preliminary report from the Inspector of Accidents this morning, it is not possible to make any further statement.

In the meantime, reports such as that the fire started in one of the engines should be treated with the greatest reserve.

Sir Philip Sassoon recalled that since the last accident attended by loss of life, nearly 24 years ago, Imperial Airways had flown over four million miles and carried over 90,000 passengers, a record of

INDIAN FEDERAL PROPOSALS

REFERRED TO SELECT COMMITTEE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

London, March 29.

THE House of Commons, by 449 votes to 43, yesterday agreed upon the Government's motion to appoint a joint Select Committee of Peers and members of the House of Commons to examine the Government's proposals for constitutional reform in the Government of India.

The Labour Opposition amendment, demanding *inter alia*, Dominion status for India, was defeated by 475 votes to 42.

Winston Churchill Assails Proposals

Rouen, March 29. The chief feature of last night's session of the Indian debate in the House of Commons was the vigorous speech in which Mr. Winston Churchill assailed the Government's reform proposals.

Lord Winterton followed with a severe criticism of Mr. Churchill's attitude.

The type of machine involved had been in constant use for 12 years

ARRESTED BRITONS TO BE TRIED

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ADAMANT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Moscow, March 30.

DURING an interview with the British Ambassador, Sir Esmond Ovey, yesterday, in connection with the arrested Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co's. employees, M. Litvinoff, Foreign Commissar, said:

"Britain's methods are crude. Outside pressure may sometimes be effective in Mexico, but in Russia they are fated to fail."

According to a semi-official statement, the Ambassador went to inform the Commissar as to what steps the British Government proposed to take if the trial was not cancelled.

The British Ambassador, however, refrained from specifying the measures when M. Litvinoff declared that it was decided that the case should be tried shortly, and that it would be useless for the British Government to attempt to change that decision.

AMBASSADOR SUMMONED TO LONDON

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

London, March 30.

Sir Esmond Ovey, the British Ambassador to Moscow, has been summoned to London for consultation. He leaves Moscow to-night and is returning later.

MILLION PEOPLE DIE OF HUNGER

APPALLING CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Berlin, March 30.

THE appalling conditions existing in Russia to-day, were vividly described by Mr. Garth Jones, former political secretary to Mr. Lloyd George, who arrived in Berlin yesterday, en route to London after completing a walking tour through Russia.

"Russia is to-day gripped by a famine as disastrous as the catastrophe of 1921, when millions of people died," he said. The universal cry was, "There is no bread, we are dying."

Conditions, he said, were particularly bad at Kazanka, where more than 1,000,000 people were reported to have died of hunger, but this state of affairs was existent in many other centres in a lesser degree.

The reason for the high figure of deaths at Kazanka was the insufficient supply of seed and the fact that many of the peasants were too weak to work the land.

This position was brought about by the peasants' resistance to the Government's policy in following out Stalin's five-year plan for the collectivisation of farms, the lack of skilled labour, and the collapse of transport and finance.

The arrest of the British engineers of Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Engineering Company, Ltd., Messrs. Alan Monkhouse, Nordwall Cusack, Thornton, Gregory and McDonald on charges of sabotage of electrical machinery, and the recent shooting of 35 prominent agriculturalists, were attempts to appease popular wrath aroused by the famine, Mr. Jones declared.

NAZI PROMISE ACCEPTED

BY BISHOPS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Berlin, March 30.

AT A CONFERENCE of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Faulda issued a manifesto withdrawing the Church's previous prohibition and warnings against the Nazi movement, in view of Chancellor Hitler's promise that the rights of the Catholic Church in Germany will be respected.

WAR ON LOCUSTS POISON GAS EXPERIMENTS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rouen, March 29.

EXPERIMENTS are being conducted in England to-day, by possibilities of using poison gas against locusts, a pest which has been attacking crops in East Africa during 1932.

The Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lincoln, says that it is too early yet to predict whether the progress of these experiments will permit of practical measures in East Africa during 1933.

BRITISH STEAMER PIRATED

FOUR OFFICERS CARRIED OFF

S.S. NANCHANG BOARDED
BY RAIDERS

Newchwang, March 30.

THE Butterfield and Swire steamer "Nanchang" was pirated this morning while proceeding to anchor at Newchwang Bar and awaiting the pilot.

Pirates from three junks opened a heavy fire on the vessel, after which about fourteen pirates boarded the steamer and threatened the Chinese crew.

The foreign officers were surprised whilst in the saloon and four British officers were carried off.

Officers' Names.

The following are the officers captured when the Butterfield and Swire steamer "Nanchang" was pirated:

A. D. Blue, Second Engineer (Glasgow).
F. L. Penna, Third Engineer (Newcastle).
Clifford Johnson, Junior Officer (Berlan Cliff, Colwyn Bay, North Wales).
W. E. Hargrave, Junior Officer (Ripon, York).

Captain and Chief Engineers Safe.

The officers on board the "Nanchang" number six and are: Captain, J. Robinson, who has been in the service of the China Navigation Co. since 1922; Chief Officer, C. Johnson; 2nd Officer, W. E. Hargrave; Chief Engineer, A. Jeffery; 2nd Engineer, A. D. Blue; 3rd Engineer, F. L. Penna.

Description of Ship.

The S.S. "Nanchang" is a steel screw vessel of 2,488 tons gross and 1,508 tons net.

Built in 1922 at Greenock, by Messrs. Scott's for the China Navigation Company, Ltd., she is employed on the Newchwang-Swallow run, generally carrying bean cake from the northern port.

She has a draught of 19.6 feet, length of 205 feet and a breadth of 44.2 feet.

Japanese Assistance Requested.

THE British Consul visited the Japanese Consul and requested his assistance in recovering the kidnapped officers and discussed the steps to be taken.

Mr. Christie has similarly requested the Japanese and Manchukuo Military at Newchwang.

BRITISH WARSHIP ORDERED TO NEWCHWANG

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Peking, March 30.

A British warship believed to be the "Bridgwater," has been ordered to Newchwang in connection with the abductions.

The British Legion states that all possible steps will be taken to secure the release of the captured officers.

Messrs. Butterfield's agent at Newchwang has been informed by the Manchukuo Garrison Headquarters that the River Police are taking all possible steps to effect their release.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON RICES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, March 30.

FOLLOWING ARE THE SILVER QUOTATIONS ON THE LONDON MARKET TO-DAY:

Spot 17.40 17.11/16

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U.S. DELEGATE IN LONDON

EARLY TALK WITH PREMIER ON DISARMAMENT

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rouen, March 29.

MR. NORMAN DAVIS, principal United States delegate to the Disarmament conference, arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

Before proceeding to Geneva, he will spend a few days in London.

He will be met by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Secretary of State, and Mr. MacDonald will confer with him on the subject of disarmament.

Mr. Norman Davis, who is en route to Geneva from Washington, conferred with Mr. MacDonald for an hour this morning and they will resume their discussion.

It is understood they discussed disarmament and economics.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY AT NANKING

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS BEING DISCUSSED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Nanking, March 30.

FOLLOWING the resumption of the Presidency of the Executive Yuan by Mr. Wang Ching Wei, considerable political activity is now going on in the capital.

The Central Executive Committee will meet to-day and it is expected that a very important proposal will be brought up by General Li Lich Chun, suggesting the permission of the existence of other political parties besides the Kuomintang and that non-Kuomintang persons be allowed to participate in the present Government.

It may be noted that General Li Lich Chun recently made a trip to Kalgan in an effort to arrange a conference between General Chiang Kai Shek and General Feng Yu Hsiang.

A JAPANESE DENIAL

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Tokyo, March 30.

The Japanese authorities have denied the report emanating from the Peiping Military Council that Japanese warships have been distributing arms and ammunition among the Chinese Communists in Tientsin and Hankow.

SON OF LIAO CHUNG KAI ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Shanghai, March 30.

Some sensation has been created in Chinese official circles by the arrest of Liao Cheng Chi, son of the late Liao Chung Kai, veteran Kuomintang leader and Minister of Finance of the Canton Government in 1925. Mr. Liao is being held by the Shanghai Municipal Police on the charge of being a Communist.

Liao Cheng Chi told the Court yesterday that he was not a Communist and that when arrested, he was arranging to send "comforts" to the Manchurian Volunteers. It is learned that Madam Liao Chung Kai, who is a high official of the Kuomintang, learning of her son's arrest, appealed immediately to the Government leaders for assistance in securing his release.

LULL IN JEHO FIGHTING

ALL QUIET AT THE NORTHERN FRONT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Peiping, March 30.

OFFICIAL communications state that quiet reigns at all fronts along the Great Wall. There is at present no fighting at all at Leng-kow, Haifengkow, Kuipiekow and Shih-ho.

North China now appears to be settling down again as military operations have come to a halt. Its customary quiet is in existence with confidence and the sense of security gradually returning.

The authorities, however, are still maintaining a form of martial law between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

EXPORT OF ARMS PROBLEM

TO BE EXAMINED AT GENEVA

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rouen, March 29.

THE problem of the export of arms in relation to the present conditions in the Far East is being examined at Geneva by a sub-committee of the League of Nations, and an Advisory Committee has been set up to follow the developments of the Sino-Japanese dispute.

Capt. Anthony Eden, Under-Secretary of State, stated in the House of Commons that members of the Committee have agreed to consult their Governments on the specific questions of principle and of the execution placed before them in connection with disputes in another part of the world.

He added that that sub-committee might be in possession of vital facts as to the situation.

YATSUKA'S LIFE THREATENED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Boston, March 30.

AN APPARENT attempt to wreck the express train in which Mr. Matsuhiko, former Chief Japanese delegate to the League of Nations, was travelling to Boston, was reported by railroad police yesterday.

The police state that two iron rails, wrapped in red and yellow flags, were discovered on the track just before the train was due.

HERTZOG FORMS NEW CABINET

GEN. SMUTS MINISTER OF JUSTICE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Pretoria, March 30.

GENERAL Hertzog, who had resigned his reformed Cabinet, evenly divided between the South African and Nationalist Parties.

General Hertzog is Premier and General Smuts, Minister of Justice.

OPERATION ERROR

Tells Widow's "You'll Hate Me"

CHLOROFORM IN BOTTLE LABELLED ETHER

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 14.—Dramatic evidence of chloroform having been administered as an anesthetic by a doctor who believed he was administering ether was given at Rochester Coroners' Court yesterday.

The inquest was on Richard Boyce Jackson, aged forty-five, an inspector of fitters at Chatham Dockyard, of Montrose-avenue, Chatham, who died on Tuesday in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

Mrs. Blanche Jackson, the widow, said that while on passage home from Hong Kong her husband became ill, and was admitted to hospital on Monday as a paying patient for an operation to be performed next morning.

When she called at the hospital on Tuesday she was told her husband was dead.

Mrs. Jackson stated that Dr. B. W. Roffey entered the waiting room saying: "You will hate me in a moment. I gave him the anesthetic. They gave me the wrong bottle."

The doctor was terribly distressed, and she said to him: "Then you could not help it. You are to be pitied as well as me."

The Three Bottles. Dr. A. W. G. Woodford, of Rochester, said he was about to perform the operation upon Jackson, and Dr. Roffey was the anestheticist.

Dr. Roffey was the type of man from whom difficulty in regard to anesthetic might be expected.

There were three small bottles on the anesthetic table containing three different kinds of anesthetic. Evidence was given that the bottles were labelled "Ether Pura," "C.E." (meaning chloroform and ether), and "C" (chloroform).

Dr. Bernard Wilson Roffey, of Gillingham, senior assistant anestheticist at the hospital, said he considered Jackson was safe for the administration of the anesthetic.

Who Filled Bottles? Dr. Roffey said he started administering ethyl-chloride and then took the bottle marked "Ether" putting drops on to a mask.

The patient's breathing became difficult. He restored him and then started to drop ether, or what he thought was ether, on to his mask again. Mr. Jackson's breathing again stopped and he died.

Dr. Roffey's death was abnormal, and while endeavouring to find the cause, he discovered that the bottle marked "ether" had been chloroform.

Witness formed the conclusion at the time that the chloroform had contributed to the man's death, but he added: "That is not now my opinion."

After four hours' examination of witnesses to find who was responsible for the filling of the bottles from the stock bottles the inquest was adjourned.

DEATH OF ENGLAND'S HEAVIEST MAN

(Special Air-Mail Service)

Chaim, Over 40 Stone. London, March 14.—Mr. George Lovatt, who died at Brierley Hill, Staffs, yesterday in his sixty-fourth year, was said to be the heaviest man in England.

When last weighed, seven years ago, he turned the scale at 88 stone. He had been confined to his room about a month before he died, and he was just over six feet in height.

He was a member of the Brierley Hill Football Club, and had been a member of the club for many years.

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FORMER FRENCH AIR DIRECTOR

SENTENCED TO A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

Paris, March 30.

THE sensational trial of a former French Air Director in which M. Pauline, General Weygand, the former Minister of War, M. Tardieu, M. Poincaré, and M. Guernier were witnesses ended when Andre Bonillou Lafont was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for conspiring with two others to make false charges of corruption against M. Chaumie, Director of Civil Aviation, and Paul L. Weiller, the Young War "Ace."

Lafont was given the benefit of the First Offender's Act.

The charges brought by Lafont were based on documents afterwards found to be forged. They purported to prove that M. Chaumie and M. Weiller, as directors of the "Gnom" and "Rhodé" concerns, sought a place in the "Pistole" under the control of the German Luftwaffe Company.

Lafont admitted that he had forged twenty-three documents under the impression they were copies of genuine ones. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

The third accused, Pichon, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

THE ROMANS IN SCOTLAND

DISCOVERIES ON THE ANTONINE WALL

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 14.—At a meeting of the Society for Roman Studies held yesterday in Burlington House, Sir George Macdonald, a paper on "Recent Researches on the Antonine Wall," giving an account of the investigations which he has recently carried out on the wall, was read.

The Society for Roman Studies of Scotland at four of the Old Kilpatrick, Crook Hill, Westwood, and Rough Castle. Two of these forts on the Antonine Wall had, he said, been previously excavated, but certain features and plans that had been recovered were puzzling and unsatisfactory. The object of his own inquiries was to see whether a solution of the puzzles thus presented could be arrived at. After four afternoons' work, he was successful.

The main point of the investigation was the discovery that the wall itself was actually given a clear proof of the manner in which the Scots from Ireland, the force at Crook Hill, all traces of which had disappeared from the surface, was recovered in outline and a fragmentary relief of the Roman god Jupiter Dolichenus had been found there, this being the most northerly point to which this far-travelled cult was now known to have penetrated.

The outcome of the investigation at Westwood was a complete plan of the defence, about which practically nothing had hitherto been known.

Rough Castle, again, yielded most convincing confirmation of the hypothesis first advanced by Sir George Macdonald some 20 years ago that the wall which was erected about 142 A.D. and finally abandoned some 40 years later, had twice given up by the Romans and twice restored in that comparatively brief interval. Almost all the puzzling features that had arisen in the plans of 30 years ago had been satisfactorily explained.

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VACCINATION

Prior to the introduction of vaccination in Europe, compulsorily in some countries, the death-rate from small-pox was heavier for one month than it is now in a full year. Statistics from Germany alone have proved beyond question that the degree of immunity enjoyed by people who have been inoculated with vaccine serum is nearly eighty per cent. People whose occupations expose them to infection are naturally far likelier to contract the disease than those who live in the open air or in clean, well-ventilated buildings, even if the former have received vaccine treatment, but they are immeasurably less susceptible to infection than they would be, exposed to the same conditions, if they were unvaccinated. In Hong Kong and Kowloon the foreign community is practically immune from contagion, since the average European is not only vaccinated in infancy but usually before he comes out East, as well. The number of deaths from small-pox among Europeans in the Colony is extremely small, and in the few fatal cases that have occurred it has generally been found that the patient had not been vaccinated. In European countries, England especially, public opinion usually responds quite willingly to health propaganda, and apart from a handful of eccentric objectors, the people of all classes cheerfully submit to vaccination and realise its necessity. The average Englishman is a reasonable creature and he is inclined to accept unconditionally the advice of scientists and the medical profession. In China, and the East generally, the millions composing the uneducated classes have a profound prejudice against Western medicine and regard with suspicion any attempt to eradicate disease by hygiene, sanitation or inoculation. Superstition plays a considerable part in their attitude, but there is also no small degree of indifference to the sufferings of others. Intensive propaganda has to a large extent removed the prejudice against modern health measures, but nothing short of a general scheme of education will inculcate the principles of public service and give the individual a sense of communal responsibility. The ignorance and unwillingness of the Chinese poorer classes form the chief obstacle to the Government in its campaign against disease, yet thanks to the splendid efforts of volunteers and members of the St. John Ambulance, the difficulties are slowly being overcome. The authorities have realised the value of advertising as a means of educating the masses, and the S.C.A. has inaugurated an intensive poster campaign which has already had far-reaching effects. In addition, the Chinese Press has played its part by pointing out the dangers to which the unvaccinated expose themselves and others, and there is evidence that its reasoned editorials have persuaded large numbers of the community to undergo treatment. The public little realises the splendid work that is being done by the St. John Ambulance, yet the figures published in the newspapers each week testify to the active response of the public to its appeal. Daily men and girl volunteers give free vaccine treatment to hundreds of Chinese, and it is an encouraging sight to find the Red Cross flag hanging from the street corners. Combined with the campaign issued by the Government, the St. John Ambulance is achieving results which are little short of astonishing, and there is reason to believe that within a few years the superstition and prejudice of the lower classes against vaccination will have been practically overcome. Chinese employers are beginning to see an advantage in their fight against disease.

THE CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

K. R. A. EX-PRESIDENT'S SCATHING ATTACK

"The jumbled-up collection of huts known as the Central British School is a disgrace to the Colony," declared the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers) when interviewed by a Daily Press representative yesterday. He added that he was in thorough agreement with the views expressed in our previous article and said that no criticism of the Government's policy in this matter could be too strong. As was evident from the correspondence of the past five years between the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Colonial Secretary, the attitude of the Government had been one of indifference and delay. There seemed to be a persistent refusal to recognise how urgent a question the provision of a new school was, and the fact that the site originally chosen for the school had been set aside for another purpose showed that the Government did not attach sufficient importance to the education of British children in Kowloon. It was an attitude he found very difficult to understand, and suggested that the authorities were more anxious to further the interests of the Chinese than they were to advance those of the British community. For instance, although they had no scruples in permitting pupils of the Central British School to be accommodated in wretched wooden huts, which were ill-ventilated and incredibly cramped for space, they had spent a vast sum in the construction of King's College, on which no expense had been spared. This peculiar policy had been followed in other directions, and it revealed either a singular lack of judgment, or a failure to appreciate the needs and interests of the British residents of a British Colony.

Five Years' Delay.

Mr. Rogers pointed out that nearly five years ago, in April, 1928, the question of inadequate accommodation at this school was discussed at some length by the Committee of the K.R.A., and as a result a correspondence was entered into with

the Colonial Secretary. In the course of this correspondence the fact was stressed that the number of pupils had grown from 50 in 1902 when the school was opened, to 133 in 1923, the attendance having doubled within the last seven years. It was further pointed out that the classrooms were inadequate and the situation and general arrangements of the school unsatisfactory. This was the only school of its kind for British children in the Colony, and in view of the increasing tendency of parents to keep their children in the Colony instead of sending them home for their education (which few could afford), the Government was asked to equip a new Central British School. In June, 1930, the Committee were advised that the preparation of a site for the new school was in progress and would be completed about the end of 1931. In December, 1932, it was noted that the preparation of the site had been completed, so the Committee wrote to the Colonial Secretary asking if a date could be given for the completion of the school. In reply to this they were informed that the site had been reserved for a proposed Mental Hospital, that a new site had been selected for the school, the preparations for which would be taken in hand early in the New Year.

269 Pupils.

The numbers of children attending the school was now 269, and there were over 30 applicants for admission, yet in spite of repeated requests to the Government, nothing apparently had been done to expedite the construction of the new school. The result of all this was that after five years they stood practically where they did at the beginning. It was a matter of urgent public importance, and the need for prompt action was evident. He added that the school was a disgrace to the Colony and that he could not think that the Government was aware of the strength of feeling which existed on the part of the parents whose children had no option but to attend it.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Andrew's Church

Services for Sunday, April 2 and 5th Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Young People's Service and Primary Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Subject: "The Heart of the Mystery."
3 p.m.—Confirmation Class. Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. A. D. Stewart.
Wednesday, April 4, Lenten Service at 6 p.m. Litany, Prayers and Meditation.
The Vicar will be in the Church from 5 to 6 p.m. for any who wish to see him.
Thursday, April 5, Discussion Class at 8 p.m. in the Chatter Room of the Church Hall.
Subject: "Love and Marriage." Opener, Rev. W. W. Rogers.

ARMED ROBBERY

TENANT GAGGED AND BOUND

The Kowloon Police have been notified of yet another armed robbery in the New Territories. This occurred shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, when three unknown men, one of whom was armed with a murderous-looking knife, crept into a house at Aplu Street, Shamshuipo, whilst the occupant, an elderly man named Cheung Kai Shok, was lying asleep. According to this man's story, he was awakened by the sound of a door creaking, and when he opened his eyes he found three men standing over him. One of them held a dagger pointed to his heart. He was too terrified to call for assistance and the intruders, telling him to keep quiet, said they would slit his throat if he made a sound.

They then proceeded to tie his hands together and placed a wooden gag in his mouth. One man kept guard at the door, whilst the other two made a hurried search of the room. After a quantity of drawers, including gold earrings, jade rings, a bundle of notes and some clothing.

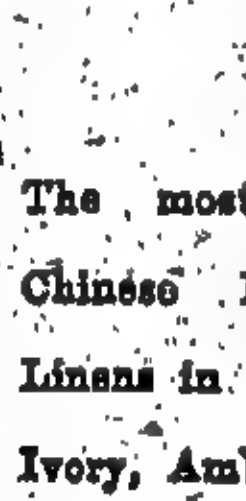
After threatening their victim once again they left the house and disappeared in the unknown direction. Cheung Kai Shok was able to struggle out of his bonds and remove the gag and then shouted for help. The Police were notified of the outrage at about 9.30 p.m. and immediately notified all stations in the New Territories to keep a sharp look-out for the robbers, who are believed to have crossed over from the Chinese border. Up to a late hour last night no arrests had been made.

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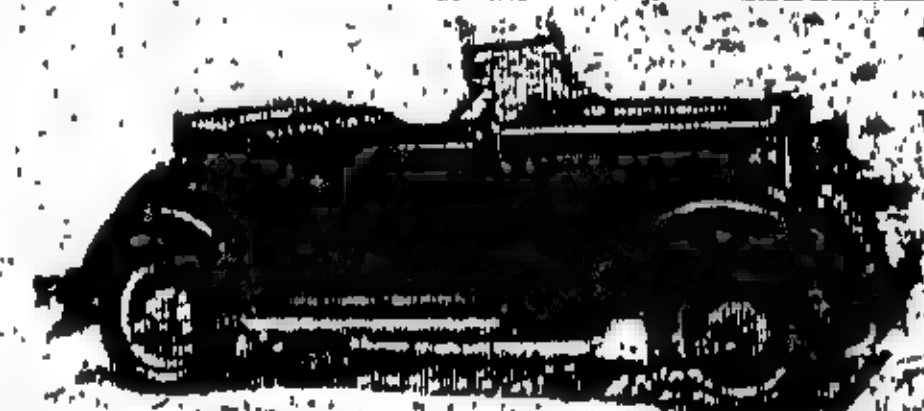
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YING WA GIRLS SCHOOL
Distribution of
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INTERESTING REPORT FOR 1932

The annual distribution of certificates of the Ying Wa Girls School was held last night in the Hop Yai Church, Bonham Road.
Mrs. J. R. Wood kindly consented to distribute the certificates, and the Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling was in the chair. An interesting programme of songs, sketches and piano solos was well carried out by the pupils.

Report for 1932. Miss D. Hutchinson, read her report as follows:
The year 1932 has been one in which there have been no outstanding events to disturb the routine of the school year. Throughout the year work has gone steadily on, and joys and problems alike have only served to add interest to the "common round."

Record Enrolment.
The school year opened in January with a record enrolment of over 380. For the whole year the average number in attendance was just over 380 and the average daily attendance was 361—against an average monthly enrolment of 324 and average daily attendance of 306 in the previous year. The actual number of new girls admitted was practically the same as in 1931, but very few girls left at the end of that year and that, I think, partly accounted for the increase.

Examination Results.
Two classes prepared for the examinations held by the University of Hong Kong in November. The senior class was a small one, with only three members. Two of these were successful in the Senior Local Examination, one gaining a distinction in Arithmetic and qualifying for Matriculation.

Out of twenty who sat for the Junior Local Examination eleven were successful. One of these gained distinctions in Arithmetic and Scripture, and three others gained distinction in Arithmetic. In our own school examinations two classes—representing a four years' and a three years' course above Primary respectively—have completed the work of the Lower Middle School.

Twenty-seven girls have finished their Primary School course; and twenty-one little people have completed the first stage of their school life and will this evening receive certificates as "graduates" of the Kindergarten.

We were visited in November by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools who reports that "the teaching in general is carefully done" and that "the discipline and tone are excellent."

The Staff.
That this can be said depends in no small measure upon the Staff, and I would here acknowledge very gratefully my indebtedness to all the teachers—both Chinese and non-Chinese—for the devoted service that they have given and for the way in which each has done his or her best to maintain the tradition of the school.

Health.
The Medical Officer for Schools visited us in December. In her report Dr. Minett says that the school "keeps an excellent standard in health matters."

The fact that there was an average attendance each day of 95 per cent. shows that on the whole the health of the scholars has been good, for sickness is the primary cause of absence. But I should like to take this opportunity of making for an even keener realisation on the part of parents of their duty to keep us informed of all cases of infectious illness and in observing the full time of quarantine.

Special Meetings.
There have been various special meetings during the year. On the first Saturday of November we held our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and on the following day a large number of girls returned to school to help to take our gifts to the Netherlands and Hoh Min Ling Hospitals. In each hospital the girls themselves took charge of the service and tried to pass on to the patients something of the joy of thanksgiving that was ours.

At the end of the year a Music girls' play was held when all those in-school played music-lessons pieces, and on another occasion the Upper Primary and Middle School classes gave an exhibition of the work that they had been doing in drill and games.

We have continued to co-operate with the Hop Yai Church through the Sunday School, and every Sunday morning the Kindergarten and Junior Departments have met on school premises under the leadership of two of the teachers. Some of the senior girls have taken part as teachers.

Social Work.
The School branch of the Y.M.C.A.—the Wa Kwong group—has continued its work, and in addition to their weekly meetings and other social work, they have presented the certificates and evening

BIG FIRE AT YAUMATI
THREE BUILDINGS
DESTROYED

A serious fire in which three houses were completely burnt out occurred in Yaumati early yesterday morning. The scene of the outbreak was a Chinese restaurant which occupied three buildings, Nos. 320-324, Shanghai Street.

The outbreak was sudden and spread within a few minutes. No one appears to have noticed it until all the three buildings were well alight, and the quick extension of the fire was apparently due to a draft induced by the open character of the interior of the three buildings, all of the upper floors of which were given over to the business of a tea-house and re-adapted to the purpose. Fortunately no one was burnt or injured, and curiously enough the ground floors were left comparatively untouched.

The cause of the fire is unknown but it is believed to have originated in the kitchen on the second floor of the tea-house.

INCREASED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AT SHAMEN

(Continued From Page 7.)

moth, Mr. V. P. Waters.
The Chairman: I rise, Gentlemen, to propose that a very hearty vote of thanks be given to those members of the outgoing Council.

From the Chairman downwards they have worked very hard in the interests of the Concession, and I feel certain that you are all agreed with me in voting them our gratitude and a very hearty vote of thanks. I especially thank Mr. Hill, the Chairman, and the members of the Council, and would also mention Mr. Hollier who has left, for their co-operation with me during the last year. It is essential for the Council and the Consul-General to work closely together in the interests of the Concession, and I can assure you that that co-operation has always existed.

Mr. Annett: I have much pleasure in seconding the Chairman's vote of thanks. The Council have been severely criticised, possibly with some justification, in the matter of not referring to a Ratepayers' Meeting before committing themselves to the expenditure for the Nursing Home and School. But I feel they should not be blamed unduly for that slip. They have worked hard and given of their best in the interest of all. They deserve our gratitude and the vote of thanks which is now being proposed is, I think, no more than their due.

Carried with applause.
Mr. Hill: I should like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for conducting the meeting.

Mr. Fraser: I have pleasure in seconding that.
Chairman: Thank you.

SUICIDE AT TAIPO

SEQUEL TO WOMAN'S QUEER CONDUCT
A police report from Taiipo states that the wife of a villager at Nam Hang has committed suicide. The woman left home some time ago but had recently returned, since when she had behaved in a peculiar manner, and quarrelled repeatedly with her neighbours.

We team won the cup in a tournament in the summer, the girls took part once again in the summer holidays. At Christmas, they visited the Sunday School at Taiuen Wan and distributed to the scholars gifts of dolls and toys which we had received from England.

The school contributed nearly \$700.00 for the relief of distress caused by the war in Shanghai; and nearly \$200.00 was sent to the Home Missionary Society of the Church of Christ in China for its work in Yunnan.

The Old Girls' Society held two meetings during the year. At the spring meeting, after the annual meeting for the election of officers, a visit was paid to the Pung Keung Rubber Factory at Shan Kwei Wan. The summer meeting took the form of a bathing picnic to Stanley.

Thanks to Friends.
This report would be incomplete without an acknowledgement of our indebtedness to friends who have helped us, and I would take this opportunity of offering our thanks to the members of the London Missionary Society for assistance in various ways, to the staff of the Alice Memorial Hospital for service given in times of sickness and emergency; to the Hop Yai Church for granting us the use of the Hall this evening; to Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling for help given on many occasions and for his presence with us as chairman at this meeting.

And, in the name of the school, I would extend a very warm welcome to Mrs. Wood, and express our gratitude to her for coming to present the certificates this evening.

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Foreign Dancers
Engaged

Hankow Road, Kowloon, as the Piccadilly of the Colony is a not unlikely prospect if the district continues to be developed on its present lines. Already this enterprising centre possesses four hotels, a cinema and about half a dozen cafes and restaurants, and the latest addition to its gaiety will be a cabaret of the most up-to-date type. This cabaret, which has the full approval of the Police, is being opened by Mr. Silva, proprietor of the Variety Cafe, on April 3. It consists of a large room adjoining the Cafe, with accommodation for thirty or forty dancers.

The floor, which has been constructed by experts, will be one of the finest in the Colony, whilst the interior decorations, which are in the capable hands of Arts and Crafts Ltd., are as lavish as they are tasteful. The walls are of patterned, powder-blue plaster, and their effect is enhanced by a panel of gold. In the centre of the floor there is a large column from the capital of which subdued lights will be thrown on to the ceiling, whilst the base will be decorated with flowers floating on an illuminated pedestal.

Cut-glass lamps, of the latest design, adorn the walls, and the furniture is in harmony with its surroundings. In fact, Mr. Silva has spared no expense in making his cabaret the last word in good taste. Foreign dancers only are to be engaged and arrangements have been made for fifteen to appear on the opening night, whilst one of the leading dance bands from Manila has been secured. Light refreshments will be served to patrons at reasonable prices.

Mr. Silva, who has been connected with the entertainment world for a great many years, told our representative that Kowloon needed brightening up. People had always criticised it as being a dull place, and a new cabaret was just the thing it needed. Those who condemned cabarets were only trying to take the pleasure out of other people's lives, because they were afraid to be gay themselves.

RAILWAY FATALITY AT TAIPO

WATERWORKS COOLIE KILLED
On his way from Taiipo to Taiipo Market on Wednesday morning, a coolie employed by the Waterworks Department was run over and killed by the No. 3 down train passing the spot at 10.55. The victim was walking along the railway line on No. 32 Railway Bridge and appears to have been oblivious of the approach of the train.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF IN PEKING

GEN. HUANG SHAO HSIUNG FORMALLY ASSUMES POST.
Peking, March 29.—A Provisional Office of the President of the Military Affairs Commission has been formally established here with General Huang Shao Hsiung, Minister of Interior, as Chief of Staff.

General Ho Ying-Ching, Acting appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the Peking Branch of the Military Affairs Commission, assumed his duties yesterday, replacing General Yang Chieh, who has resigned.

General Ho Ying-Ching, Acting Chairman of the Peking Branch of the Military Affairs Commission, motored to Nanyuan yesterday to inspect the local garrison—Kuo Min.

"RED-HAired COMET"

OXFORD HONOURS WOMAN HISTORIAN
(Special Air-Mail Service)
Oxford, March 14.—The honorary degree of D. Litt. was conferred in Convocation here to-day on Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammond, the social historians.

Introducing Mrs. Hammond, the Public Orator referred to her career of Lady Margaret Hall, and said that she had taken the highest honours "like a comet with flaming red hair."

This, it is understood, is reference to an incident at the Examination Schools when Mrs. Hammond was taking Finals. On the desk of an undergraduate who sat near her was found the following line:

While I wait the help of a thing
Can only go beta and gamma.
That girl over there
With the flaming red hair
Gets alpha plus every time
damn her.

What Mr. and Mrs. Hammond were presented together, the Public Orator said: "This has probably never occurred before. These two historians are united not only in marriage, but in the long series of their work."

Mr. Quao Tai Chi, the Chinese Minister in London, was also delivering an address putting the Chinese point of view.

Special branch detectives from Scotland Yard were stationed outside the B.B.C. for more than an hour before the two speakers arrived, and uniformed police officers with B.B.C. officials were on duty on both sides of the road to deal with any possible disturbance.

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FAR EAST DRAMA AT B.B.C.

"Down with Japan!"
Cry to Matsouka
CHINESE SPEAKER DOES NOT MEET HIM
(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 14.—A drama of which wireless listeners knew nothing was played at Broadcasting House, London, on Saturday night.

It began at the moment that Mr. Matsouka, the Japanese delegate to the League of Nations, arrived to deliver his 10 minutes' address in the National programme giving Japan's view of the Jehol situation.

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Matsouka's Bodyguard.
Little knots of people stood on the pavement, and when Mr. Matsouka drove up there was a sudden outburst by a man in the crowd.

Pointing dramatically at Mr. Matsouka, he cried, "Down with Japan—a nation of bandits!"

The cry was taken up by two or three other people, who shouted, "Shame!" as Mr. Matsouka stopped from his car with his Japanese attendants and a bodyguard of detectives, who are looking after him in Britain.

In two seconds he had hurried through the swing doors into the B.B.C. entrance hall, and appeared hardly to have noticed the disturbance.

Delicate Situation.
It was not necessary for the police to take any action against the disturbers, who were not allowed to get anywhere near Mr. Matsouka.

Inside the B.B.C. another act in the little drama was being played. Behind the scenes a "delicate situation" had arisen. It was felt that, perhaps, if the two envoys of warring nations met face to face there might be mutual embarrassment.

They might not wish to shake hands. If they were side by side in the studio, too, an awkward position might easily arise during their respective address.

Immaculately Dressed.
So it was arranged that they should deliver their addresses from two separate studios, and it was thought tactful that unless they expressed a desire to meet, they should be kept apart.

Mr. Matsouka, who walked so dramatically from the League of Nations Council Chamber at Geneva a little while ago, arrived in Britain earlier in the day, and journeyed to London from Dover. With him came his bodyguard of detectives.

Mr. Matsouka was immaculately dressed. He has a little mustache and bright smiling eyes, but when he spoke of the war in which his country is engaged his face became grave, and the laughter died away. He spoke first.

Whirled Upstairs.
Mr. Quao Tai Chi was also scrupulously dressed, with impassive face that can become more animated than most of his countrymen when he talks of the attack that is being made upon his country. His command of English is perhaps a little clearer and more easy to follow than Mr. Matsouka's.

When each speaker, with his counsellors, arrived he was led quickly into the waiting lift, and whirled to the studio upstairs.

The two studios from which the speakers spoke are off the same corridor. Inside each was the awe-inspiring notice "telling them that when the red light glowed the world was listening to them."

May Visit Scotland.
It was a pleasant drama of personalities. Each addressed his unseen listeners as though he did not know that the other speaker was there.

It was in no sense a debate, and the Chinese Minister, who spoke second, was not replying to Mr. Matsouka. He was simply stating the Chinese point of view.

Mr. Matsouka travelled to Man chester yesterday and may pay a visit to Scotland. He will leave for the United States on Friday.



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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Buyers	Sellers	Share	THURSDAY, MARCH 30.	Buyers	Sellers	Share
			Banks			
\$1,725			H.K. Banks	\$1,725		
			Do. (London)			
			Chartered Banks			
			Merchants Bks. "A"			
			Do. "O"			
			Bank of East Asia			
			N. C. & S. Bank			
			Am. O. Fin. Corp. M			
			China Fin. Corp. Ord.			
			Do. Prof.			
			Insurance			
\$1,370			Canton Insurance	\$1,355		
\$555			Underwriters			
			Union Insurance			
			China Fire			
			H.K. Fire			
			International Assoc.			
			Shipping			
			Douglas			
			Steamboats			
			Indos (pref.)			
			Do. (def.)			
			Shells			
			Waterboats			
			Mining			
			Bonguet			
			Venezuela Gold Flds.			
			Kailans			
			Langkai (single)			
			Explorations			
			Shanghai Loans			
			Rasb			
			Tronoh Mines			
			Bonguet Explorations			
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
			H.K. & K. Wharves			
			Providents (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			H.K. & W. Docks			
			S. China Motors "A"			
			Do. "B"			
			Shanghai Docks			
			New Engineering			
			Hongkew			
			Land, Hotels, and Buildings			
			H.K. Hotels			
			Shanghai			
			Metropolitan Land			
			H.K. Realities			
			China Do.			
			Do. Debentures			
			Humphreys			
			Asia Realities "A"			
			Do. "B"			
			Chinese Estates			
			Cotton Mills			
			Ewos			
			Shai Cottons			
			Zong-Sing			
			Wing On Textiles (S)			
			Public Utilities			
			Tranway			
			Peak Tram (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			Star Ferry			
			Yanmai Ferry (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			China Lights (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			H.K. Electric			
			Macao Do.			
			Sandakan Lights			
			Telephones			
			China Buses			
			Traction			
			Do. (pref.)			
			Industrials			
			Malsbon Sugars			
			Cadbeck, (ord.)			
			Macgregor (pref.)			
			Canton Ice			
			Cements (comb.)			
			Do. (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			Ropes			
			Ch. Agricultures			
			Miscellaneous			
			Dairy Farms			
			Der A. Wings			
			Amusements			
			Ch. Entertainment			
			Constructions (old)			
			Do. (new)			
			Loose Crawfords			
			Macintosh			
			Nanyang Tobacco			
			Sincores			
			Watsons			
			Wm. Powells			
			M. Greyhounds			
			S. O. Enterprises			
			United Theatres			
			H. Ind. G. Bonds			
			H.E. Govt. Loans			
			Wallace Harper			
			China Sports Ltd.			
			H.K. Wing On			
			Shai Do.			

MONEY AND MARKET

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL REPORT

With very few exceptions, there was not very much animation in markets to-day. Hotels, however, showed some activity having been dealt in in fairly large quantities both for cash and forward delivery.

Sales.

Union Insurance \$562.
Beaquet Explorations 28 cents.
Hotels \$6.95/7.10.
Hong Kong Steamboats \$72.
Hong Kong Trams \$21.
Amusements \$12.
Constructions (New) 75 cents.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks \$1,725.
Canton Insurance \$1,370.
Union Insurance \$555.
Hong Kong Steamboats \$22.
Beaquet Explorations 28 cents.
Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves \$127.
Providents (New) \$1.35.
Hotels \$6.95.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Star Ferry \$90.
China Lights (Old) \$12.30.
China Lights (New) \$91.
Hong Kong Electric \$71.
Macao Electric \$25.
Telephones \$27.
Cements (Combined) \$82.
Amusements \$12.
Constructions (New) 65 cents.
B. Ind. G. Bonds 67 1/2 per cent.
Hong Kong Government Loans 5 per cent. premium.

Sellers.

Raubs \$104.
Providents (Old) \$4.
Shanghai Docks \$15.98.
Hotels \$7.05.
Ewo Cottons \$12.
United Theatres \$11.5.

AMERICAN BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Asia Lands Limited Report

New York, March 30.

After several days of advance the Stock Market took a sudden tumble last Friday, in consequence of the failure of wheat and cotton to extend their previous days gains. The Market became selective later in the week, there was a certain amount of pressure apparent on the Utility shares, while the carriers held their ground reasonably well. Covering by shorts halted the steady drift to lower prices for which no definite news accounted. In the week ended March 24, there were no striking changes in the industrial tempo so far as the available figures show. Steel operations have been around 14 per cent, a slight drop from the 16 per cent of the previous week. Electric power output underwent a small decline, as did automobile production with units other than Ford generally reducing output. The Federal Reserve statement shows an increase in gold reserves amounting to thirteen million dollars.

Outlook: With many constructive movements under way regarding domestic financial matters, tariff adjustments, war debts, there is considerable hope that these will eventually receive favourable interpretation in terms of security prices.

Yokohama 1/3
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Silver (Spot) 17 1/2
Silver (Forward) 17 1/2

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THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS. REPORT

Messrs. Roza Bros. have forwarded us the following exchange market report for yesterday:—
Silver prices rose 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 17.11/16 for Ready and 17 1/2 for Forward. Silver advances reported by speculators as having bought. Amounts offered were small. The tone at the close was steady. America bought. In America the rate was quoted at 27 1/2 for Spot. The market was steady.

The New York-London cross-rate was slightly lower at 3.41.
With the exception of the Shanghai rate which was unchanged at 78 1/2 and the Bangkok rate which was put down to 14 1/2, other rates were put up.

Market.

Dull, the tone was steady.

Sterling.

There were sellers early in the morning at 1/32 1/2 March/April and 1/4 May, buyers bidding 1/32 higher. Later business was done at 1/4 for April and cash, finishing with sellers at 1/32 1/2 March, 1/4 April and 1/4 1/2 May, buyers at 1/32 higher respectively.

Gold Dollars.

Business was done during the course of the morning at 22.13/16 for April delivery. There were sellers at 22 1/2 for cash, 22.13/16 April and 22.15/16 May, buyers at 22 1/2 March/April and 23 May.

Yen.

Merchants were quoted at 106 for near delivery.

Tels.

Sellers probably at 7 1/2 for cash, buyers at 7 1/2 cash.

Shanghai.

Business was reported at 1/8 1/2 for April delivery. There were sellers probably at 1/8 1/2, buyers at 1/8 1/2.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

The market was quiet in the afternoon, the tone at the close being a shade easier. In Sterling business was done at 1/32 1/2 for April delivery, finishing with sellers at 1/32 1/2 March, 1/4 April and 1/4 1/2 May, buyers at 1/32 higher respectively.

Gold Dollars.

The market closed with sellers at 22 1/2 March/April and 23 May, buyers at 22.13/16 March/April and 23 May. Business was reported at 22 1/2 for May delivery.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 29.	High - 1932	Low - Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Change
Dow Jones Average	33.78	41.22	67.92	58.81 1.11 down
30 Industrials	33.78	41.22	67.92	27.14 .89 down
20 Bails	33.78	41.22	67.92	20.41 .57 down
20 Utilities	33.78	41.22	67.92	74.93 .24 down
40 Bonds	33.78	41.22	67.92	

1932	Div. %	1931	1930	1929
62 1/2	3.00	Air Reduction	65 1/2	67
77 1/2	6.00	Allied Chemical & Dye	77 1/2	76 1/2
72 1/2	4.00	American Can	72 1/2	64
137 1/2	3.00	American Tel. & Tel.	137 1/2	90
88 1/2	4.00	American Tobacco "B"	88 1/2	59 1/2
18 1/2	3.00	Anacosta Copper Mining	18 1/2	6 1/2
16 1/2	2.00	Auburn	16 1/2	32 1/2
43 1/2	1.00	Borden Company	43 1/2	20 1/2
50 1/2	7.00	Canadian Pacific	50 1/2	8 1/2
31 1/2	1.00	Chrysler Motors	31 1/2	7 1/2
68 1/2	4.00	Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	68 1/2	43 1/2
57 1/2	3.00	Drugs, Inc.	57 1/2	32
68 1/2	2.00	Du Pont de Nemours	68 1/2	34 1/2
87 1/2	3.00	Eastman Kodak	87 1/2	55
45 1/2	6.00	Electric Bond & Share	45 1/2	14 1/2
28 1/2	0.70	General Electric	28 1/2	13 1/2
40 1/2	2.00	General Foods	40 1/2	13 1/2
24 1/2	7.00	General Motors	24 1/2	14 1/2
24 1/2	1.00	Gillette Safety	24 1/2	22 1/2
32 1/2	0.60	International Harvester	32 1/2	8 1/2
108 1/2	7.00	International Paper	108 1/2	57 1/2
14 1/2	2.00	Johnson & Johnson	14 1/2	23 1/2
23 1/2	2.50	Montgomery Ward	23 1/2	18 1/2
23 1/2	2.00	National Biscuit	23 1/2	18 1/2
23 1/2	2.00	Pacific Gas & Electric	23 1/2	22 1/2
23 1/2	2.00	Pennsylvania Railway	23 1/2	17 1/2
23 1/2	2.00	Radio Corp.	23 1/2	4 1/2
37 1/2	1.00	Sears Roebuck	37 1/2	17 1/2
13 1/2	0.40	Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	13 1/2	23 1/2
13 1/2	0.40	Union Carbide & Carbon	13 1/2	9 1/2
13 1/2	0.40	Union Pacific	13 1/2	22 1/2
13 1/2	0.40	United States Steel	13 1/2	7 1/2
13 1/2	0.40	Westinghouse E. & M.	13 1/2	23 1/2

PASSENGER INSURANCE RATES BY AIR

A Striking Reduction

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 14.—Reductions in passenger insurance rates by air have just been completed by Imperial Airways. They enable passengers by the company's routes to obtain accident insurance policies rates which work out at as low as 1s. per £1,000 per day, and the extent of the reductions may be gathered when it is stated that the premium costs were as high as 12s. per day for a sum of £1,000.

The safety of land and sea travel is generally recognized, and is reflected in the low rate of insurance applied to transport by boat and train. In aerial travel for some time past the speed of goods transport by air, and more particularly the security to be obtained in the air dispatch of fragile or valuable articles, have been so well recognized that aerial insurance rates, so far as freight is concerned, have been appreciably lower than for any form of surface transport. But such has not been the case in respect of passenger transport by air.

For years Imperial Airways have been leaving no stone unturned to remove this anomaly of high accident insurance rates for passengers, and now, thanks largely to the safety record of British air transport, this barrier has just been swept aside, and the company has been able to complete, with the British Aviation Insurance Company, Limited, and a group of underwriters at Lloyd's an arrangement which places passenger air insurance on an entirely new basis, and is a clear recognition of the fact that, from an insurance viewpoint, it is just as safe to make a journey by air nowadays as it is to travel by boat and train.

An official of Imperial Airways stated yesterday: "To give an idea of what the concessions we have now obtained really mean, and how improved they are from the traveller's point of view, one may take the case of passengers who are flying out to India from London. A £2,000 policy under the old rates worked out at 27s., but now the premium figure falls until it stands at only 14s. By surface transport the cost of an accident insurance for £2,000 is 12s."

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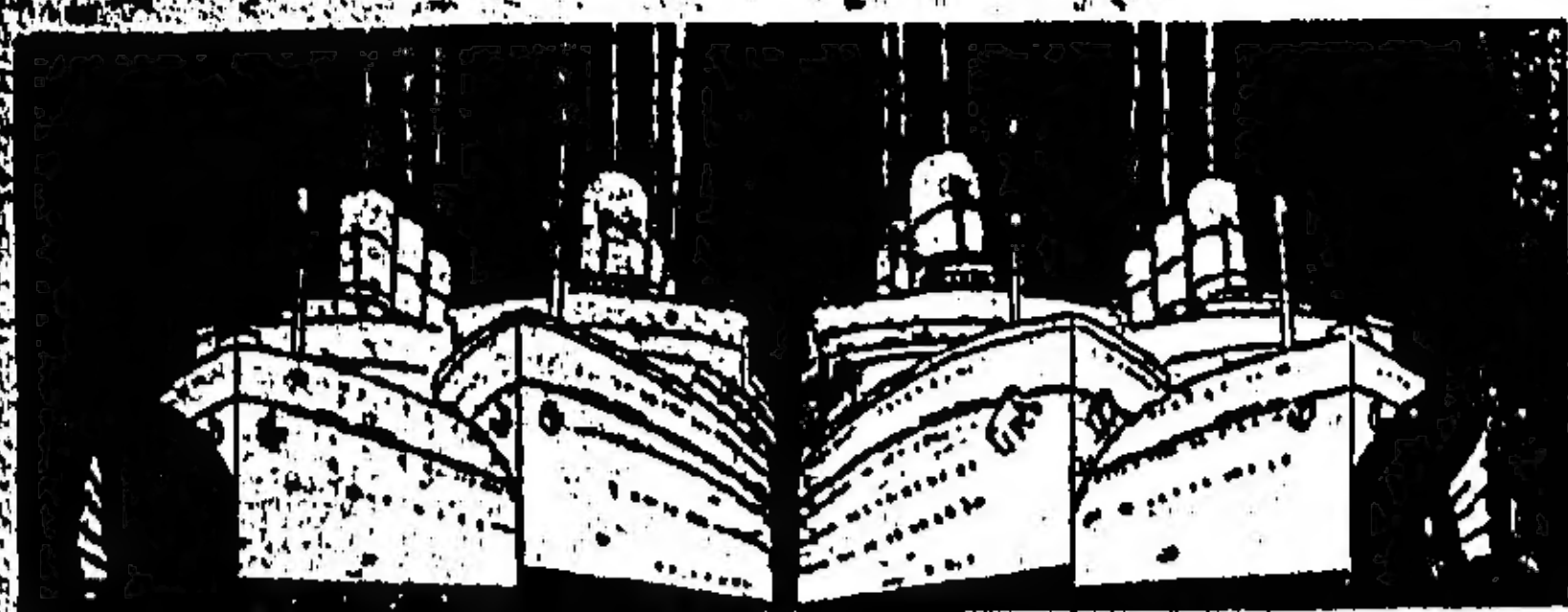
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Emp. of Asia	May 17	May 19	Emp. of Canada	May 24	May 26
Emp. of Russia	May 24	May 26	Emp. of Japan	May 31	June 2
Emp. of Asia	May 31	June 2	Emp. of Canada	June 7	June 9
Emp. of Russia	June 7	June 9	Emp. of Japan	June 14	June 16
Emp. of Asia	June 14	June 16	Emp. of Canada	June 21	June 23
Emp. of Russia	June 21	June 23	Emp. of Japan	June 28	June 30
Emp. of Asia	June 28	June 30	Emp. of Canada	July 5	July 7
Emp. of Russia	July 5	July 7	Emp. of Japan	July 12	July 14
Emp. of Asia	July 12	July 14	Emp. of Canada	July 19	July 21
Emp. of Russia	July 19	July 21	Emp. of Japan	July 26	July 28
Emp. of Asia	July 26	July 28	Emp. of Canada	Aug. 2	Aug. 4
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 2	Aug. 4	Emp. of Japan	Aug. 9	Aug. 11
Emp. of Asia	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Emp. of Canada	Aug. 16	Aug. 18
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Emp. of Japan	Aug. 23	Aug. 25
Emp. of Asia	Aug. 23	Aug. 25	Emp. of Canada	Aug. 30	Sept. 1
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 11,300 TONS;
THROUGH PORTS
11,500 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through H.K. Ports.

British

Hydrangea, Swatow 200 —

Chinhuo, Shanghai 600 600

Tainan, Canton — 900

Nankin, Yokohama 120 3,000

Kuinsang, Osaka 50 1,410

Kweichow, Chefoo 970 1,290

Kwangtung, Haiphong 1,470 1,810

French

Tai Poo Sok, Ft. Bayard 450 —

Foreign

Prosper, Saigon 2,280 —

Norviken, Canton — 500

Hai Hing, Rangoon 350 2,000

Kronviken, Port Kambai 3,370 —

Japanese

Hozan Maru, Keelung 1,500 —

Total 11,350 11,500

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow 400

Tainan (Br.) Canton 226

Kwangtung (Br.) Haiphong 100

Tai Poo Sok (Fr.) Bayard 85

Prosper (Nor.) Saigon 160

Hai Hing (Nor.) Rangoon and Hoilow 363

Hozan Maru (Jap.) Keelung 26

Total 1,416

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—

Arr. Dep.

British 9 7

American 1 0

French 1 0

Norwegian 4 1

Japanese 1 3

Chinese 1 3

Dutch 0 2

German 0 1

Total 17 17

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant ships were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.

Kowloon.—Bertram, Rickmers, General Pershing, Nagato Maru.

China Merchants.—Tai Po Sok, Jardine Matheson's.—Fooshing.

O.S.K.—Hozan Maru.

Douglas Lapraik.—Haiyang.

Buoys.

No. A2.—Tyndareus.

No. A5.—Moeraki.

No. A6.—Bongaloro.

No. A7.—Nankin.

No. A10.—Haguro Maru.

No. B1.—Hopsang.

No. B2.—Norviken.

No. B4.—Hohkon.

No. B6.—Hai Hing.

No. B8.—Graciosa.

No. B9.—Hydra II.

No. B10.—G.G. Piquet.

No. B11.—Prosper.

No. B13.—Wendell Moller.

No. B15.—Kainyng.

No. B16.—Minnie Moller.

No. B17.—Kumang.

No. B20.—Sunning.

No. B21.—Kwangtung.

No. B25.—Levenridge.

No. B27.—Ronsin Maru.

No. B28.—Heian Maru.

No. B29.—Kronviken.

No. C1.—Hermot.

No. C2.—Havdrot.

No. C3.—Hiram.

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VESSELS DUE

Achilles, B. & S., April 23.

Agamemnon, B. & S., April 14.

Akita Maru, N.Y.K., April 5.

Andre Lebon, Messageries, May 9.

Antenor, B. & S., May 26.

Assala Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.

Asia, Messageries, April 4.

Athos II, Messageries, April 11.

Bangalore, P. & O., March 31.

Bongay Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Bongay Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Broerhaven, Melchers, April 18.

Buridan, P. & O., May 12.

Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Canton, Gilman's, April 23.

Carthage, P. & O., April 19.

Change, B. & S., April 11.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.

Conte Rosso, Dodwell's, April 1.

Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Danmark, Mannes, April 27.

D'Artagnan, Messageries, April 25.

Elpenor, B. & S., April 9.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 23.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 12.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 14.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., March 31.

Eumaeus, B. & S., May 7.

Felix Roussel, Messageries, May 21.

Fulda, Melchers, April 9.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., April 6.

Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Hakura Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Icon, B. & S., May 3.

Japan, Gilman's, April 21.

Kaiser-Hind, P. & O., May 17.

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 21.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.

Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., April 20.

Lushan Maru, N.Y.K., April 3.

Lahn, Melchers, April 10.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.

Lycan, B. & S., April 11.

Machon, B. & S., May 22.

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Mantua, P. & O., May 12.

Maron, B. & S., May 12.

Monchus, B. & S., May 19.

Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Nakara, P. & O., May 3.

Nellora, E. & A., April 5.

Patroclus, B. & S., April 28.

Pennang Maru, N.Y.K., April 7.

Phemius, B. & S., April 1.

Pres. Cleveland, A.M. Line, May 5.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar's, May 12.

Pres. Jackson, Dollar's, May 15.

Pres. Jefferson, A.M. Line, April 7.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 1.

Pres. Madison, Dollar's, April 21.

Pres. Monroe, Dollar's, April 14.

Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 13.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar's, March 31.

Pres. Polk, Dollar's, May 23.

Pres. Taft, Dollar's, March 31.

Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, April 23.

Pres. Wilson, Dollar's, April 17.

Protestant, B. & S., April 12.

Ranchi, P. & O., April 5.

Ranpur, P. & O., April 7.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 25.

Santha, B.I. (Apar), April 14.

Sarpedon, B. & S., April 1.

Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), April 19.

Silverdale, P. & O., April 3.

Silverguy, Furness, May 1.

Suiyang, B. & S., May 12.

Tai Ping, B. & S., May 12.

Takada, B.I. (Apar), April 5.

Talma, B.I. (Apar), April 7.

Tanda, E. & A., May 4.

Tantalus, B. & S., May 28.

Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 10.

Takuma Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.

Tokyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.

Tokwa Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Tilava, B.I. (Apar), May 10.

Trave, Melchers, April 27.

Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., April 25.

ARRIVALS

March 29.

Chinhuo, British str., 1,333 tons.

Capt. D. Williams, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons.

Capt. Olaf S. Olson, from Hoilow, buoy No. B3.—Thoresen & Co.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hong Kong Observatory, March 31

Day	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.08	30.18	30.15
Temperature	80	60	68
Humidity	73	73	77
Wind			
Direction	NNE	WSW	W
Force	2	0	10
Weather	O	OM	10
Rain	0.04	0	0.13

Highest open air temperature, 82.59
Lowest open air temperature, 53.59

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From March 31, to April 6 1933.

High Water. Low Water.

Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
Fri 31	10.28	4.0	04.55	2.7	
	11.59	6.0	19.18	1.9	
Sat 1	10.05	3.8	04.62	2.0	
	12.08	6.0	20.20	2.0	
Sun 2	10.09	3.1	04.39	2.0	
	12.39	6.0	21.19	2.8	
Mon 3	12.22	5.0	22.53	1.8	
Tue 4	14.24	5.9	23.50	1.7	
Wed 5	16.63	6.9			
Thur 6	09.42	4.9	09.38	1.4	
	17.60	6.1	11.37	4.0	

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FROM	PER	DATE
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 11th March)	Exp. of Russia	31st Mar.
SHANGHAI	Bangalore	31st Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 3rd March)	Pres. Pierce	31st Mar.
MANILA	Pres. Taft	31st Mar.
EUROPE via NEAPOLIS (Letters and Telegrams) London, 2nd March	Katori Maru	31st Mar.
London parcels only London, 23rd Feb.	Scipidon	1st Apr.
EUROPE via SUEZ (Letters and Telegrams) London, 23rd February	Ute Roso	1st Apr.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Phonias	1st Apr.
SHANGHAI and AMOY	Tai Yuan	2nd Apr.
SHANGHAI	Akita Maru	3rd Apr.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 10th March)	Ives, McKinley	2nd Apr.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Chachiba Maru	4th Apr.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Atollu	4th Apr.
AMOY	General Pershing	5th Apr.
MANILA	Ukida	5th Apr.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Brisbane Maru	5th Apr.
JAPAN	Swing	5th Apr.
EUROPE via SUEZ (Letters and Telegrams) London, 9th March and Parcels, 2nd March	Africa Maru	5th Apr.
JAPAN	Yamaguchi	6th Apr.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Kanpura	7th Apr.

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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Straits and Calcutta	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Port Bayard	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Haiphong	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Manila	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 18th April and EUROPE via Siberia	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Manila	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Shanghai	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Manila, Babel, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 18th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Bangkok	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Amoy	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Letters for "Saigon—Marseilles Air Mail Service"	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Saigon	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Manila	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Swatow	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Sandakan	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 18th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Shanghai, Japan and "San Francisco"—due San Francisco, 27th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.
Super-subscribed correspondence only	Reg. 10.45 a.m.	Friday, 31st Mar.

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